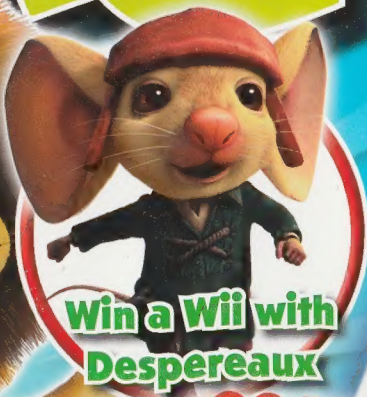


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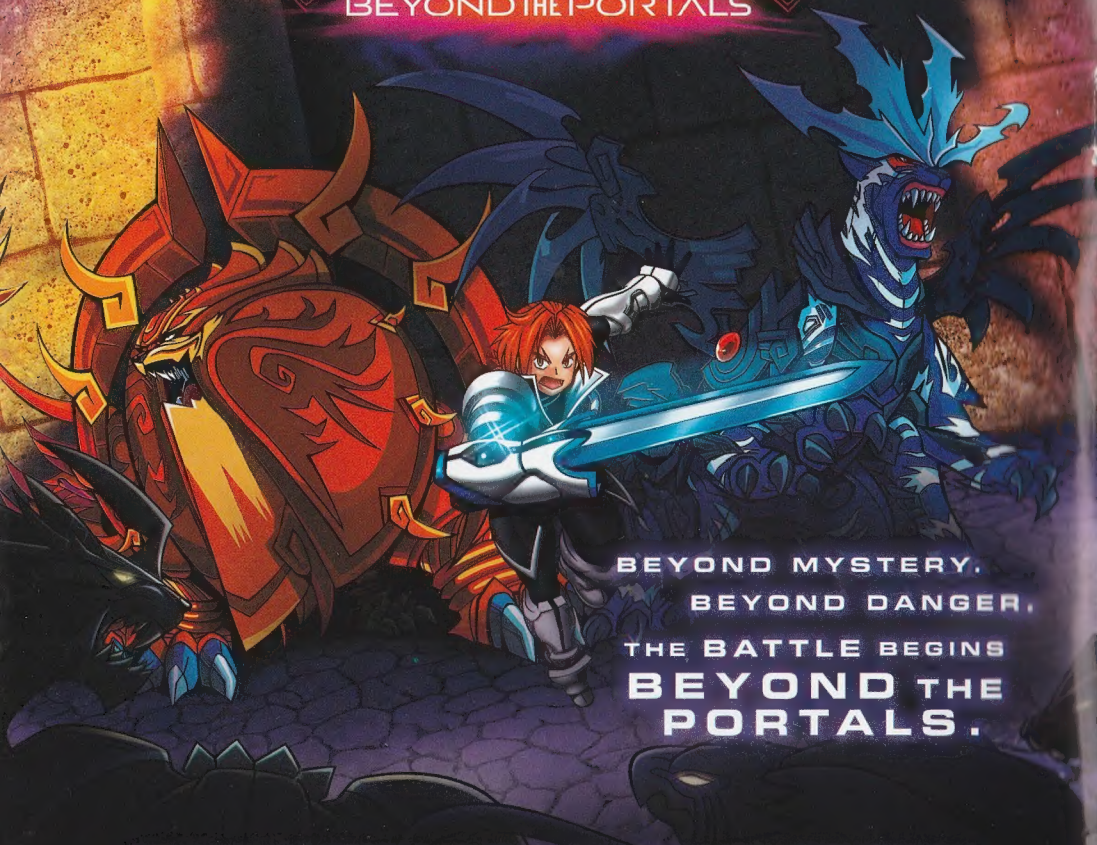
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WELCOME

Hey readers,

Welcome to another fabulous issue of DMAG!

As you know, at DMAG, as well as providing a great read, we like to help save endangered animals. Why?

Well we know that you love animals too and that together we can make a difference. So far we've raised money for the **purple-crowned fairy-wren** and the **Tasmanian devil** (don't forget to grab your next issue to get the last token to save them) – but now we're looking for the next animal to help save.

SO – we want to hear from you. What animal would you like us to help and why? Email me dorothy@dmag.com.au to let us know.

Anyway – aside from the animals – this issue is jam-packed with awesome stuff.

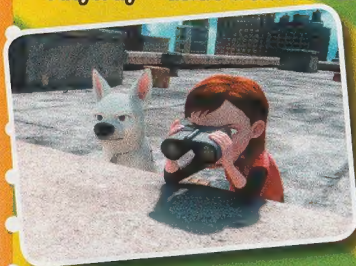
There are stacks of competitions to enter, stories on all the latest movies like **Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa**, **Bolt** and **The Tale of Despereaux** and a fabulous project pull-out on the Mint, which is going to come in super handy for a future school project. Anyhow, I've gotta go, so I'll catch you next month,

Dorothy

THE TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

Just thought we'd share some snaps of the fabulous Teddy Bears' Picnic, which raised funds for Westmead Children's Hospital. We had a mega-sized stand where visitors could test

the toys for Christmas (speaking of Christmas, make sure you see our story on page 38). So here's a big hello to everyone we met there – thanks for coming to see us!



Nadine from DMAG loved wearing her reindeer antlers.



The Nerf dart tag was a huge hit!



The K'Nex table had them hooked.



Get set for summer!

Cartoon Network's Sun Block is taking over your school hols with seven hours of back to back toons!

That's right, we're back to fill your vacation chock-a-block full of your favourite cartoons. Camp Lazlo, The Grim Adventures of Billy and Mandy, My Gym Partner's a Monkey, Ben 10 plus heaps more top off the best summer line up you could imagine. Phew - that's a lot of toons!

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Alien Sample

Introducing Popcorn's Sun Screen!

Catch great movie premieres this summer from

6pm every day! There's Stuart Little, Turbo: Power Rangers, Tom and Jerry, Barbie and more.

See how many movies from our summer lineup you can find in this grid!

1. Pokemon
2. Power Rangers
3. Camp Lazlo
4. Stuart Little
5. Barbie
6. Foster's
7. Naruto
8. Batman
9. Anastacia
10. Billy and Mandy
11. Gym Partner

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Less breaks, more 'toons in Cartoon Network's **Sun Block!**
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The Grim Adventures of Billy and Mandy

The funniest show on the planet!

And now in edible format following our easy-as-a-recipe below!

Grim Pizza:



1. Take a slice of brown bread and cut into a skeleton head shape.
2. Spread some tomato paste over the bread, then sprinkle with some cheddar cheese.
3. Add some pitted olives for eyes, nose and mouth.
4. Bake under a hot grill (don't forget to get a grown up to help!) for five minutes until the cheese is hot n bubbly.
5. Enjoy!

My Gym Partner's a Monkey

Help Adam out with his school holiday homework questions below!



Q : You are participating in a race. You overtake the second person.
What position do you finish?

A : You get a big F for FAIL. If you said "First"! If you overtake the second person and take his place, then you're second!

Q: If you overtake the last person, then you arrive....?

A : You're not very good at this are you? How can you overtake the LAST person?!?!!!!!

Q: If there are three apples and you take away two, how many do you have?

A : Two, because YOU took two away!

Q: How many letters are in the alphabet?
A : 11 - count em! THE ALPHABET



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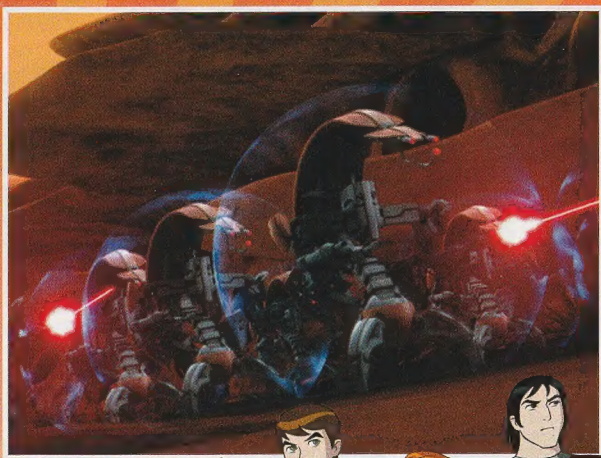
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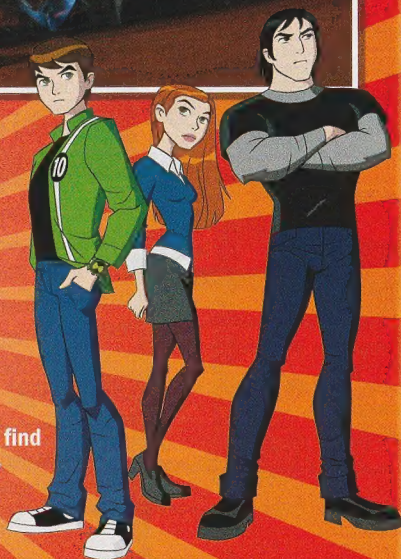
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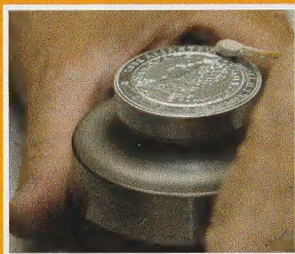


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We've received stacks of wonderful letters this month! Send your letters and photos to: **DMAG Dudes News**, PO Box 1036, Spit Junction NSW 2088. All letters, photos and pictures published on this page in our next issue will win a set of Micador Thick & Thin markers.

HI DMAG,

My name is Graham Zeidler and I am 11 years old. I think your mag is awesome! My fave parts are the comics, puzzles, So Gross and the jokes page. I have drawn a dragon picture for you. Hope you like it. P.S. DMAG rocks!!!

Woah. Wouldn't want to get on the bad side of those fire-breathing dragons. Your pic looks so real it's positively scary!



HI DMAG,

My name is Jordan but my friends call me Turtle. I'm 11 years old and love your mag. I love the comic strips. My favourite is *Horror High*. The Game Guru is wicked. Here is a picture of Trunks fused with Vegeta, they make Vegetunks. Hope you like it. Keep up the good work.

TURTLE!

Hey Turtle, that is such a cool nickname! Did you know turtles don't have teeth so they rely on their sharp beaks to tear up food!



PET OF THE MONTH

Aloha DMAG,

This is my very adorable rat Honey. Honey is an uncommon breed of rat called topaz.

Honey has ruby red eyes which means she is essentially blind. Honey is a very excited, playful and happy rat. Honey was one of



three rats to survive a starved family of rats. She is very obedient and loves me just as much as I love her. From you #1 animal and DMAG fan,

KATIE

If you want to get a **FREE** one-year subscription

to the RSPCA's Paw Prints mag, then send a good quality photo of your pet (no print-outs on paper please) to:

DMAG Pet of the Month, PO Box 1036 Spit Junction NSW 2088.



DEAR DMAG,

My name is Koh Chun Ince and I am 9 years old. I enjoy looking at all the pictures that people draw. They're so interesting that I always buy DMAG. Sometimes I watch Ben 10 on the Cartoon Network. My hobbies are playing videogames, PSP and studying. I hope you like my picture of Upgrade from Ben 10.

Keep up writing DMAG.
Your best #1 fan,
KOH CHUN INCE

We love checking our post box for all your fab pictures too - so keep them coming!

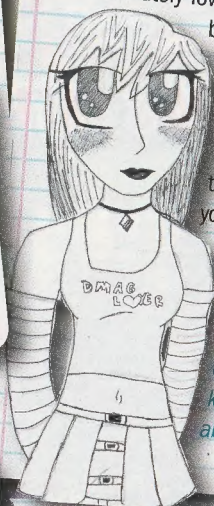


DEAR DMAG,

I absolutely love your mag! I read it the night before an exam to chill out (after I have studied of course!) I think what you are doing for the Tassie devils is so cool! I hope you like my picture. It took me hours to finish. Love your no. 1 fan,

JULIANNE

Glad to hear we've got so many DMAGers behind us in our quest to save the Tassie devil! Thanks Julianne! And keep spreading the word about our Save the Tassie devil tokens!



HI DMAG,

My name is Taylor Zeidler and I am 7 years old. Your mag is awesome! I like the comics and the drawing pages. I hope you like my Pokémon picture.

Know what? That has got to be one of the best Pikachu images we have seen in ages. Awesome!



TO DMAG,

Do you like SpongeBob? I do. Here are SpongeBob and Plankton made out of Lego. Do you like Lego? I do. From your no. #1 fan,

CHRISY

Yes we like SpongeBob and yes we like Lego, but do you know what we absolutely love? Your awesome Lego creation. I can't believe we never thought of it!



DEAR DMAG,

My name is Alex and I am 10 years old. I am Ben 10's biggest fan. I love your magazine and all the jokes and I mostly like the So Gross section. Your mag rocks.

ALEX

If you're Ben 10's biggest fan, then we must be the second biggest. Yup, we think he's pretty cool too!



HI,

My name is Sam. I'm 9 years old. I think DMAG is the best. My favourite show is Ben 10. It's so cool. I also like racing cars so I drew a picture of a car.

From,

SAM

Vroom. Vroom. That looks like a stunner of a car Sam. Say, is that you behind the wheel? Looking good mate, looking good.



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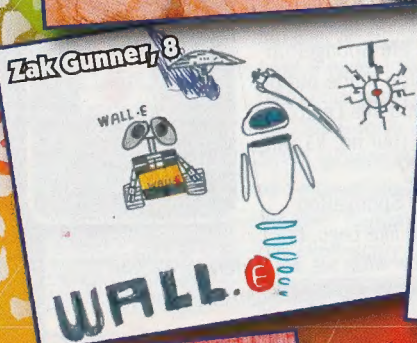
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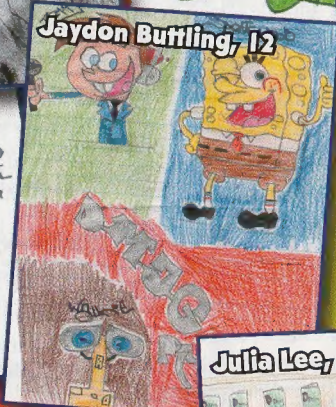
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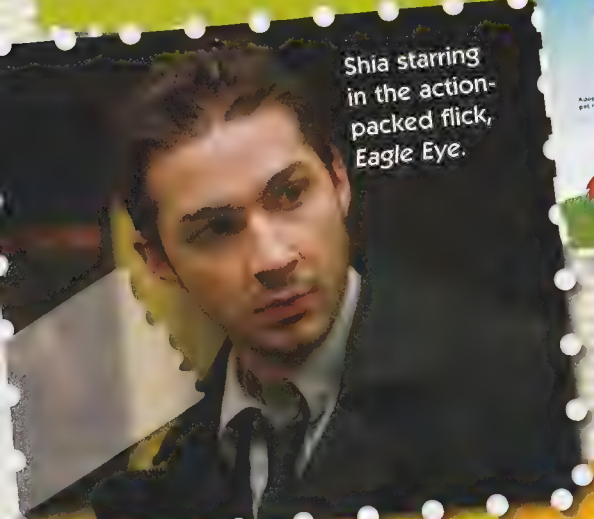
Mosh Pit

Mish, mash, mosh, moshi! Monsters don't just come in your standard three-eyed, four-legged, grossly mutated form any more. When you adopt an awesome Moshi Monster from www.moshimonsters.com they can also be as cute, colourful and fluffy as your fave four-legged pet! Adopt one, create a home for it and play games with it. If you're lucky it may even find its way onto the MonStar hall of fame!



DMAG dudette Deanna sent us this website link. If you have a website you'd like to share, send it to stephanie@dmag.com.au.

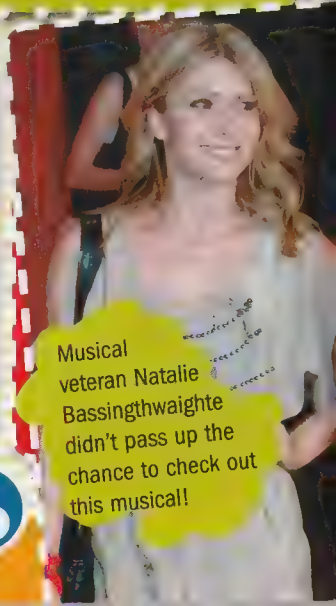
Shia starring in the action-packed flick, *Eagle Eye*.



REVENGE OF THE PROP

Oh dear, Shia LaBeouf has not been having it easy on the set of the new *Transformers* flick, *Revenge of the Fallen*. Filming has only just begun and already he has become a casualty on the set after being hit with a prop just below the eye. The bad news is that he had to get stitches but the good news is that it hasn't stopped filming – phew!

Musical veteran Natalie Bassingthwaigte didn't pass up the chance to check out this musical!



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WHAT'S HAPPENING? THEN READ ON...



So cute together! On-screen and off-screen couple, Vanessa Hudgens and Zac Efron.

THE STARS COME OUT

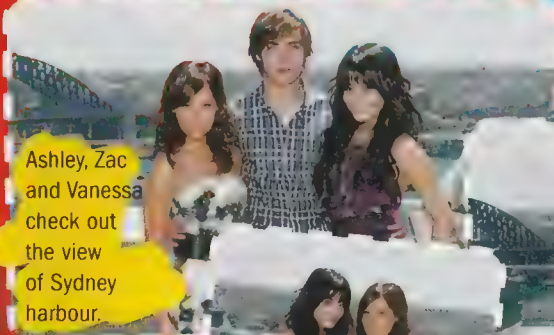
The red Wildcat carpet was rolled out for the premiere of *High School Musical 3* in November. Which of its stars travelled halfway across the world for it? Take a look to see!



Ashley Tisdale strikes a truly Sleepy Evans pose.



The Irwin family get cheery with the East High cheerleaders.



Ashley, Zac and Vanessa check out the view of Sydney harbour.

Vanessa might only be 156 centimetres tall but in those killer heels she totally makes up the four centimetre difference between herself and Ashley.



That's Zac Efron but who's the other dude? Kenny Ortega, *HSM's* director.

Sing and dance your way through *High School Musical 3: Senior Year*. It's in cinemas now.

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WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S HOT AND HAPPENING



MORE DEMI?

She set Joe Jonas' heart alight as Mitchie Torres in *Camp Rock* and now singing sensation Demi Lovato is taking her acting career further. She's just begun production on her next Disney show, a comedy series called *Sonny With a Chance*. In it she plays Sonny, a Midwestern gal who gets cast in a popular sketch comedy show called *So Random*. Sounds randomly hilarious!

GHOSTBUSTERS 3

It's been two decades since the two *Ghostbusters* flicks slimed their way onto screens, but word is out that they're gonna do it a third time. Spooks and spectres will return to terrorise the city, but they'll be no match for the four returning original *Ghostbusters*. The only catch is we'll have to wait until 2011 to see them in action.

Bill Murray, one of the original *Ghostbusters*, stars in *City of Ember*, which is out now in cinemas.



H-3-O

H 20: *Just Add Water* blew the competition well, out of the water at the 2008 Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards by taking out the honour of Fave Drama Show. And the drama isn't about to stop now that season two has finished. Yes, on November 3, season three officially began production and it is scheduled to be shown on the tele mid-2009. Oh, why do they always make us wait for these things?

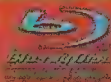
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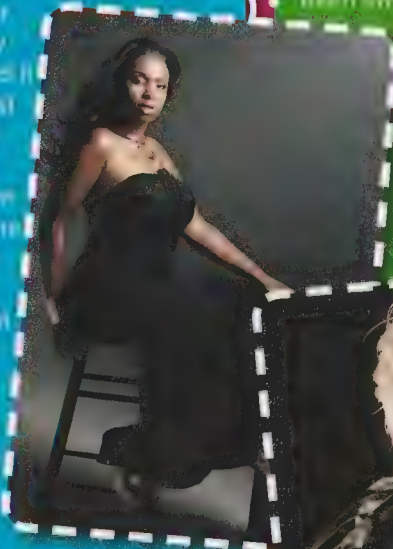
STRICTLY DANCING

They might look more punk than electro-pop, but take it from Metro Station's lead singer Mason Musso, when he tells you to shake it – as these dudes do in their single, *Shake It* – they mean it! That's right dudes, from his mouth to your ears Mason declares, "If you are hearing me now, I am Mason Musso and when you listen to our record feel free to dance." Yay!



FOR REAL

Reality show, *American Idol* changed songstress Jennifer Hudson's life by rocketing her into fame, and now another reality show has changed it again. What? Celebrating her 27th birthday, Jee couldn't settle in the firm of an engagement ring from her boyfriend who was a contestant on a US reality show called *I Love New York 2*. And yes, she topped her fab celebration off by saying yes to him.



CIRCUS DAZE

We've all heard that the celebrity world is a bit crazy, but this is down right nuts. Check out the carnival/circus craze that's been sweeping through music lately ...

Circus: The name of Britney's latest album, which was released on November 29.

The Circus: The name of early 90s band Take That's comeback album, also released November 29 (we bet this was confusing).

Funhouse: The name of Pink's latest album – she's even riding a toy horse on the cover! What's more, her upcoming *Funhouse* tour will consist of carnival-styled sets and aerial acrobatics.



REVIEWS

Soundtrack

High School Musical 3

Don't cry at the final curtain call when you catch NSM3: Just grab this "premiere" edition soundtrack, flip to the secret CD and check out the fab behind-the-scenes features. It'll make your HSM sorrows all disappear.



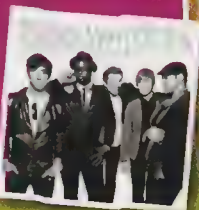
Snow Patrol A Hundred Million Suns

Just 005

They brought you that super-sweet tune "Chasing Cars" doesn't mean these lads don't know how to tap into their scarier, rockier side. Check this CD out if you don't believe us!

Plain White T's Big Bad World

It might be a big bad world out there, but once you slam this easy-going CD into your player it won't be long until you're bopping, singing and enjoying it so much that you'll feel just dandy.



THE WAIT IS OVER

We chat with Jess Mauboy, singer of *Running Back*, about why she'd rather jog than run.

DMAG: Did you write all the songs on your album?

Jess: Yes... actually there is one cover, Cyndi Lauper. She's my idol. She's beautiful, unique. I sing her song, *Time After Time* on the album, but I've given it more of an R'n'B feel. But we didn't change it too much because we didn't wanna mess it up.

DMAG: Do you prefer running or jogging?

Jess: Jogging, I like to take time to think about things.

DMAG: Beyonce or Kelly?

Jess: Beyonce. She's got it. She's not afraid. I recently heard a charity song that she sang with Mariah Carey, Mary J and Rihanna and I think it's like one of those, "be proud to be a woman" [songs].

DMAG: Shirts or jeans?

Jess: Jeans. Because I'm from the Northern Territory and I can handle the heat from the Northern Territory [So] I can wear anything in hot weather. I'm just used to it.

DMAG: Young Diva or solo artist?

Jess: Definitely solo artist. Finally! I've been waiting. That's the album cover by the way. *Been Waiting*. It's basically how I feel. It's something I've wanted people to hear. My stories. And to be perceived as a real artist. I just want people to know the real me.

Jess' debut album, *Been Waiting* is out now.



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DVD and Video



Camp Rock

This rocks! If you're a fan of *High School Musical* then this flick is for you. Mitchie is a girl with an incredible voice who manages to secure herself a spot at Camp Rock, a musical camp. But whilst some marvel at her talent, others see her as an unwanted threat.

Rated: G

Kung Fu Panda

Potentially the most pandemonium packed panda flick around, this is a tummy tickler (and a big one at that!) to the max. Po the Panda has been called to save the Valley of Peace

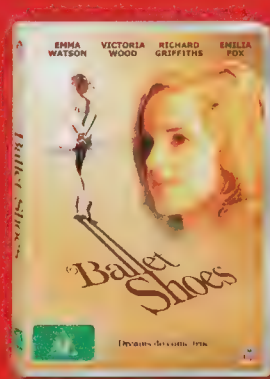


from evil, but will his love of the steamed bun stand in his way? No way!

Rated: PG

Ballet Shoes

Slumber party checklist: pillows, doona, heaps of junk food and a feel-good girlie movie a.k.a. *Ballet Shoes*. Pauline, Petrova



and Posy dream of becoming an actress, pilot and ballerina



respectively, but when money starts to wear thin to do their dreams.

Rated: G

Shrek the Halls

Jingle bells, Shrek's swamp smells. It's Christmas at the Shrek house but being Shrek's first Christmas and all he's got no clue as to what he should do! His holiday season will definitely be as green as yours, but will it be as merry? Green belly laughing fun!

Rated: G

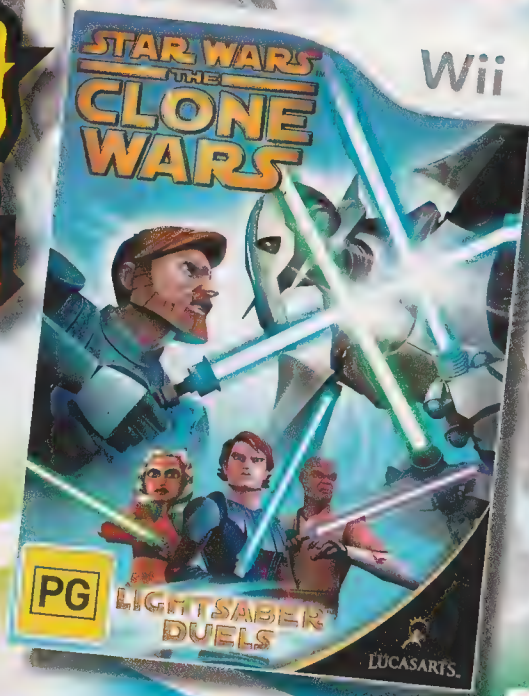


IT TO KNOW WHAT'S HOT ON THE B

Win a Wii!

Clone Wars Prize Packs!

Win a Wii and hone your lightsaber skills. We have **THREE Clone Wars** packs to give away. Each pack includes *Star Wars: The Clone Wars: Lightsaber Duels* Wii game and a Wii console to play it on!



May the Force be with you!

To enter, tell us in 25 words or less who your fave *Star Wars* character is and why. Add your name, age and address, turn to page 98, cut out the token, attach it to your entry and send it all to **Q&A's Clone Wars Comp**, PO Box 1036, Spit Junction, NSW 2088. See page 98 for terms and conditions.

ACTIVISION

ON THE BOX

Shooting Stars

This is your captain. We are now leaving the *Star Wars* flicks and entering its spin-off series, *The Clone Wars*. Please fasten your asteroid belts as we begin our tour of the planets and their inhabitants in this battle.

CORUSCANT

Colour: Amber

Primary inhabitants:

Civilians

We start at the heart of the galaxy, Coruscant. This planet-wide city is probably the safest place to be. It's the capital of the Galactic Republic and is the home of the Jedi Temple. Skilled Jedi such as Yoda, Obi-Wan Kenobi, Anakin Skywalker and his new apprentice Ahsoka Tano all report back here. They are the protectors of our universe.

TETH

Colour: Purple

Primary inhabitants:

Galactic scum

Purple's the colour of royalty, but you certainly won't receive the royal treatment when you step upon this planet. This is Hutt territory, and if you caught the animated flick, *Clone Wars* you'll know that you should

Hat Hair

R2-D2's domed shaped head came from a large factory lampshade.





The Arc of the Covenant

When Clone Wars the movie was being shipped to cinemas, it was labelled "Joan of Arc" so no one would try to steal it and get a sneak peek.

never get on the bad side of a Hutt. Teth is also swarming with smugglers, wild predators and other sorts of galactic scum – yuk, yuk, yuk!

TATOOINE

Colour: Cream

Primary inhabitants:

Hutts and humans

Woosh, we are now passing

Tatooine. To avoid heat stroke, please put the air-conditioning to full blast. Tatooine is not your typical desert planet. Twin suns light it, so that means it's doubly hot. But that's not the only reason to avoid this planet. Jabba, leader of the Hutts, also lives and rules from here. Ghastly. This is also where the legendary Anakin Skywalker grew up.

We have now come to the far reaches of the galaxy. You'd think strange and wonderful creatures would live here, wouldn't you? Well, you're wrong. This crystalline planet is teeming with General Whorm Loathsom's army of battling droids. Stay away if you can.

The Saga Continues

This series follows on from the Clone Wars movie and chronicles the huge battle between the Galactic Republic and the Separatists. But what they don't know is that they're both being manipulated by Darth Sidious and his minions Count Dooku and Asajj Ventress to bring Anakin to the Dark Side. Noooo!

CHRISTOPHIS

Colour: Blue

Primary inhabitants:

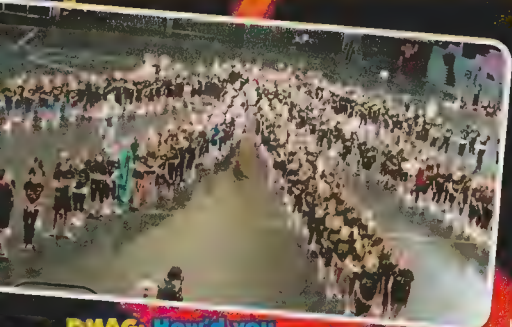
Separatist droids



What other planets will our starry-eyed heroes travel to? Catch Star Wars: The Clone Wars on Saturdays @ midday, Channel 10 to find out!

A Spectacular Spectacular!

3000 performers. 200 schools. One event. We caught up with some of the Schools Spectacular performers to find out what all the hype is about.



DMAG: How'd you get into the Spectacular?

Samantha: I'm in the school dance group and our school got accepted... I was one of the girls from Year Five and I got in.

DMAG: Have you danced before?

Samantha: Yes, since I was five. [I do] more jazz, but I like ballet and modern.

DMAG: Has your school been in other years?

Samantha: Yeah. This is my first year though.

DMAG: What were you

expecting?

Samantha: I was expecting it to be big. And it was.

DMAG: What parts are you in?

Samantha: I'm in this one that has two parts: Hey Mickey and All For One. And



I'm in *Aida* and the finale.

DMAG: Do many boys audition?

Samantha: Yeah, quite a lot do it as sort of a joke. Like, they don't think they'll get in but then they do!

SPEC VETERANS ELISE AND ASHLEY ON THE SORT OF AUDIENCE THE SPEC ATTRACTS:

Elise: It's a variety. I know my sister - she hates dancing. She wouldn't dance. She can't dance. But if I do the Rock Elsteddod or if I dance in the Schools Spectacular she always wants to come and watch.

Ashley: I've noticed groups of people who don't like watching dance and I think it's good because it's not just dancing all the time.



L-R: Elise (Year 11), Samantha (Year 5) and Ashley (Year 11).

The 25th annual Schools Spectacular is on December 14 @ 7.30pm, ABC1 and December 21 @ 2.30pm, ABC2 with a 25 year special on Dec 14 @ 2.30pm, ABC2.

For more info, visit www.schoolsspectacular.com.au or call 1800 222 222.

A JEDI KNIGHT KNOWS NO FEAR.



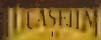
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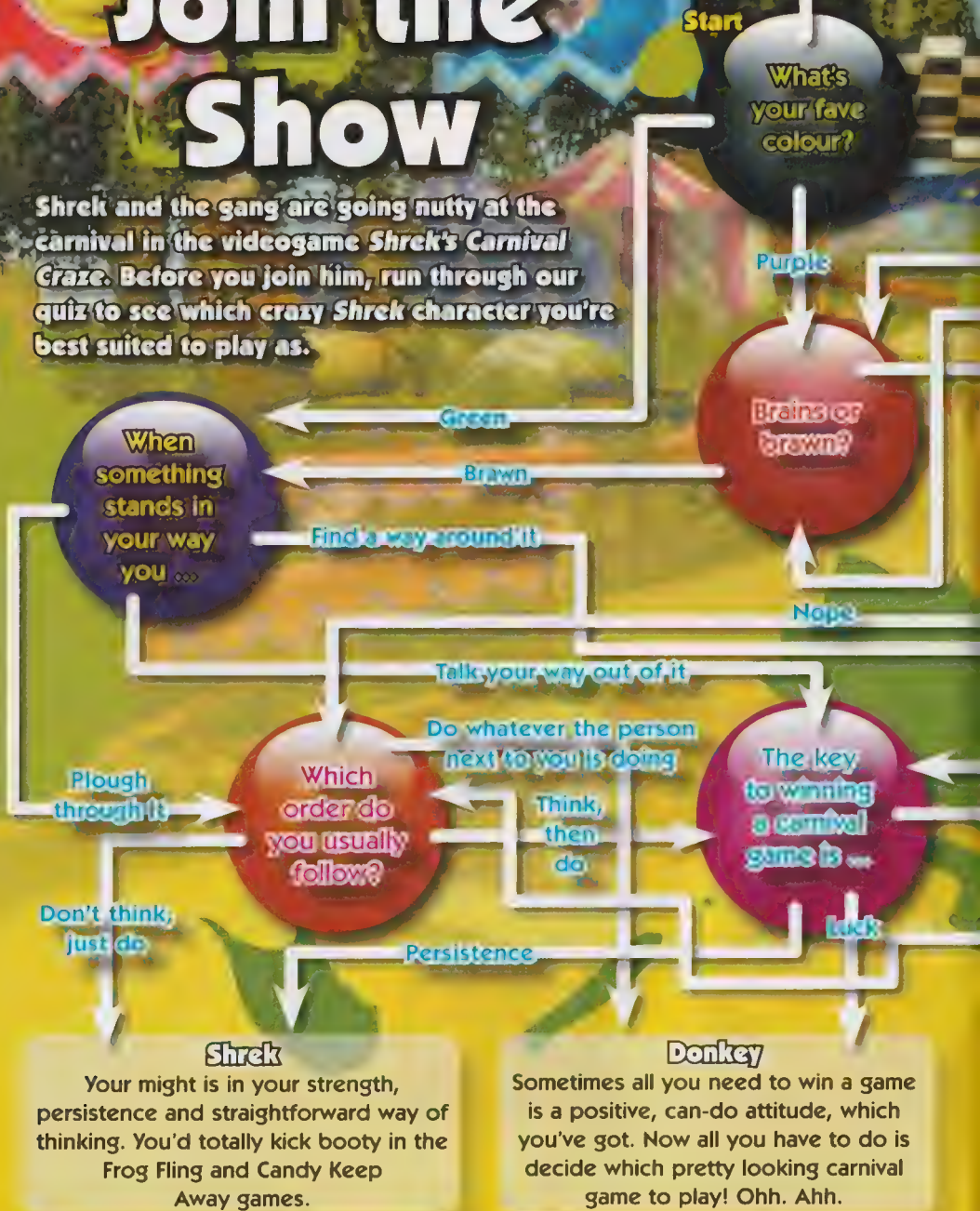
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Join the Show

Shrek and the gang are going nutty at the carnival in the videogame *Shrek's Carnival Craze*. Before you join him, run through our quiz to see which crazy *Shrek* character you're best suited to play as.







THUNDER AND LIGHTNING

Bolt, the leading dog in the animated flick *Bolt*, has been the super heroic superstar of a TV show all his life. So what happens when he ends up far from his Hollywood home? Here's a sneak peek.

CAMERAS ROLLING

On set, Bolt's a star and a half. Armed with powers like his Superbark, tackling baddies with his owner Penny is a breeze. After all everybody knows the good guys always win on TV. Thing is, Bolt doesn't know that he's on the silver screen. Practically born on the show, this pooch believes he's not only a superdog on set, but off set too.

BEHIND THE SCENES

Oh no! Bolt's accidentally been shipped out of his Hollywood pad and into the mean streets of New York city. But armed with his superpowers, getting home and back to Penny should be easy.

Wait, what superpowers? Erm, help?

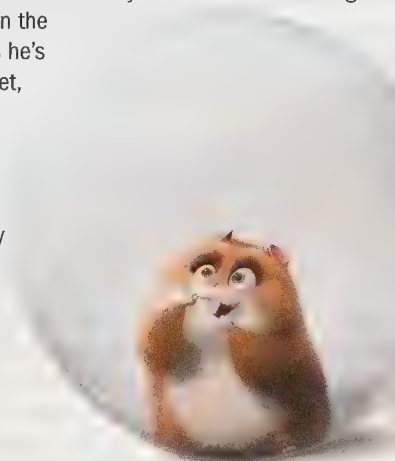
INTO THE WORLD

New York's not the best place to nab besties, but Bolt's found two fur balls who could fit the bill. Mittens is a street wise kitty who thieves for a living

WHAT A DOG!

Bolt's image was inspired by the American white shepherd. White shepherds are known for their intelligence and loyalty and are often trained in police work and as companions to the deaf and blind.

and trusts nobody. Should Bolt trust her? Rhino is a hamster living in a plastic ball. A diehard fan of Bolt's, he'll fawn and he'll follow but can he find a way to get Bolt home? Here's hoping!



Catch him if you can! *Bolt* runs into cinemas from January 1.

JOHN
TRAVOLTA

WALT DISNEY
PICTURES

MILEY
CYRUS

BOLT

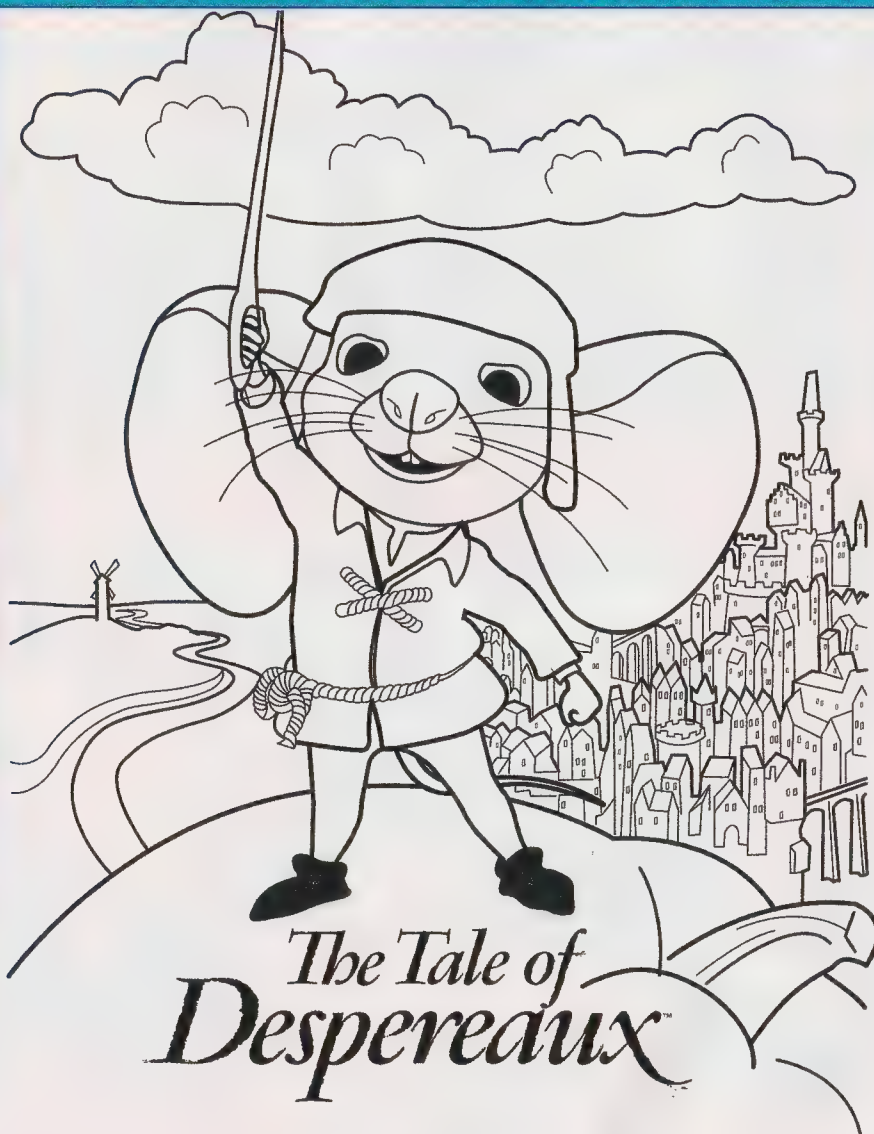


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The Tale of Despereaux™

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

Phone: _____ Email (optional): _____

To be a valid entry, this sheet must have the token found on page 98 attached. Send your entry to: *DMAG TOD Comp*, PO Box 1036, SPIT JUNCTION, NSW 2088. See page 98 for terms and conditions.

WIN A Wii PRIZE PACK!

PROMOTION

The Tale of Despereaux

To celebrate the release of *The Tale of Despereaux*, Universal Pictures and DMAG are giving you the chance to win a Nintendo Wii and Wii game for YOU AND A FRIEND!!!

Share in Despereaux's generous spirit and give your best friend a piece of this mega prize! ONE

lucky winner will receive TWO prize packs each containing a Nintendo

Wii console and a Wii game – that's one pack for you and one for

your friend. We also have TEN runners-up *The Tale*

of *Despereaux* prize packs up for

grabs. Each of these includes a

Despereaux plush toy, tee-shirt,

novel, activity

book and an

in-season

family pass to

see the movie.

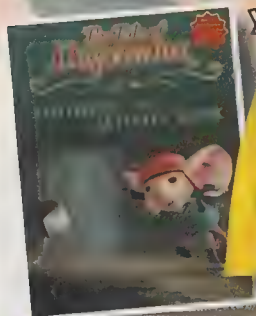
Only at the movies January 8

www.despereaux.com.au

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**GATHER AROUND
AND MAKE
YOURSELF
COMFORTABLE.
THE NEW ANIMATED
FLICK THE TALE OF
DESPEREAUX IS
HITTING CINEMAS
SOON. AND WHAT A
TALE IT IS!**

ONCE UPON A TIME ...

... there lived a mouse called Despereaux. He was not your typical mouse though, no. He was born tinier than a mouse should be, had enormously oversized ears and eyes that opened to the world at far too young an age. "His ears are too big," his sister would say. "He can't live. Not with eyes open like that," his father would remark. But neither of these anomalies bothered Despereaux as much as the darkness that engulfed the kingdom of Dor.



IN A FAR AWAY LAND

Despereaux and his family lived peacefully in Dor. But he would not live with them for long.

More than man mouse, he was soon banished to the dark recesses of the castle dungeon as punishment for his unmouselike behaviour. Here he met Roscuro, a rat with a love of light and a stomach for soup.

LIVED A PRINCESS CALLED PEA

But I'm getting ahead of myself. I'm sure you'd like to know why Despereaux was banished to the bottom of the castle in the first place. See, unlike most mice, Despereaux was not afraid

Tale





D-E-S-WHAT?

*Despereaux Tilling's a pretty fantastical name, but it's not the weirdest one that Kate DiCamillo, the author of *The Tale of Despereaux*, has created. Other characters of hers are Winn-Dixie, Sistine Bailey and Gloria Dump. "I love strange names and I love making them up," says Kate. We can tell!*

of cats. Or humans. You could often find him in the castle reading tales of knights and dragons and fair maidens and princesses. And he'd often read in the company of the princess.

Desperate to meet Despereaux? Have no fear, you can catch him in *The Tale of Despereaux* in cinemas from January 8.



Her name was Pea. And Despereaux was hopelessly in love with her.

AND A KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOUR

Pea was a sad looking girl, with a heart full of longing. Years ago a tragic soup accident left her father broken-hearted,

Pea without a mother and the kingdom of Dor without soup. But that has little to do with our hero. What does though is her unexpected kidnapping. Now the only person, or should I say animal, who can save her is a tiny mouse with big ears, a heart full of courage and an oversized suit of armour. No, it isn't prince charming. It's Despereaux Tilling.

Boog is back

Yes, Boog the bear and Elliot the one-antlered moose are back in another crazy animal-filled adventure in *Open Season 2*. Here's the lowdown ...

ELLIOT'S IN LUUVVV ...

If you saw the first movie, you'll know that Elliot has the hots for Giselle, so it's no surprise that they're headed for the altar to get married. Only this being

Elliot, will he make it? It seems Mr Weenie, the underdog sausage dog has been dog-napped. By dogs no less! So a slight detour is required to rescue him.

WHY WEENIE?

But why would dogs nap other dogs? When they're pampered pooches under the control of

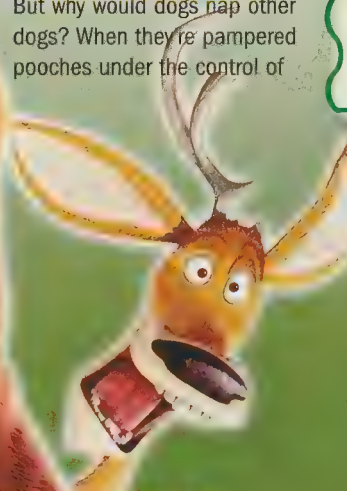


Win!

Open Season 2 on DVD!

Five cool DMAG readers are going to win these awesome *Open Season 2* prize packs! Each pack has *Open Season 1* and *2* on DVD and a cool-as *Open Season* roller stamp, and is worth \$76.90. To enter, jump online at www.dmag.com.au/competitions.asp and follow the prompts. All online entries must include the code DM82559 to be eligible to win.

See page 98 for terms and conditions of entry.



the fluffy yet fearsome Fifi, a toy poodle. The pets want to return Mr Weenie to his rightful owners. And they're not going to give him up without a fight. It's woodland warrior against pampered pet – will our sausage shaped Weenie smell the sweet forest air again? Find out by grabbing *Open Season 2* on DVD now!

WIN!

PROMOTION

Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa Prize Packs!

They're back in an all new adventure. Join Alex, Melman, Gloria and Marty in their hilarious adventures as they Escape 2 Africa. To celebrate, we have some cool prize packs to give away. One lucky reader will win an Xbox 360 console, *Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa* 360 game, and a *Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa* goodies pack that includes an in-season family pass to see *Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa*, penguin speakers, tee-shirt, book pack, the first *Madagascar* movie and *Kung Fu Panda* on DVD. We also have NINE runners-up *Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa* goodie packs.

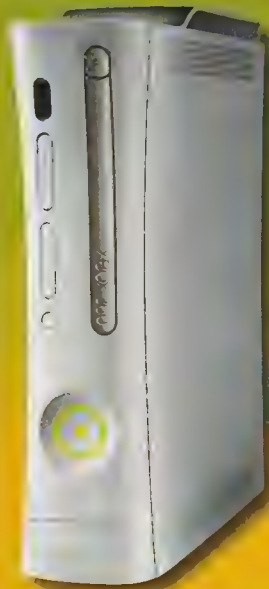
Only at the movies from December*



To enter, draw your fave *Madagascar* character, add your name, age and address. Turn to page 98 and cut out the token. Attach it to your entry and send it to DMAG *Madagascar 2* Comp, PO Box 1036, Spit Junction, NSW 2088. See page 98 for terms and conditions.

**Hurry! Competition closes
31 December!**

www.madagascarmovie.com.au



**Kung Fu
Panda is
out now
on DVD!**



* Only at the Movies from Dec 11 in QLD/NT/SA and releasing December 18 in all other states



He voices the proud as punch lion Alex in the *Madagascar* movies but what else should you know about Ben Stiller? We did a little digging and got the goss.

COMIC RELATIONS

Ben's the son of two famous comedians, which is heaps good if you want to get into the biz - which he did. But just 'cos you've got blood connections doesn't mean you're a shoo in for a role. "It was a mixed

blessing to have famous parents. It was tough to go to auditions and be bad, since I couldn't be anonymous."

JUST CRUISING

Think Ben's a dead ringer for Tom Cruise? Ben played Tom's stunt double, Tom Crooze in the Mission Impossible spoof Mission: Impossible.*

BABY BEN

Getting in touch with your inner child is a little hard. But Ben does it like a pro. So, what's his secret? "My kids keep me connected to what kids like because you see what they respond to. They like silliness and fun. It keeps it sort of loose when you realise they like crazy stuff," he says. What do you reckon, is he right or what?





RAZZ IS THE RAGE

OK. Hands up if you've ever been awarded a prestigious (coughs) Razzie Award. Right, Ben. I see your

hand up. How many have you won? Five? You've got

to be joking, right? Poor Ben, we're sure he didn't mean to achieve this feat, but he holds a record in the Razzie Hall of Fame (well, not literally) for nabbing a mind-boggling five Razzie Awards in one year! FYI: Golden Raspberry Awards a.k.a. Razzies are awards given for bad acting. We don't think you deserved any of them, Ben.

FAST FACTS

FULL NAME:

Benjamin Edward Stiller

DATE OF BIRTH:

30/11/1965

MOVIES: *Madagascar*, *Night at the Museum*

FUN QUOTE: I'm always willing to endure humiliation on behalf of my characters.

FRAT PACK

Your olds should be familiar with the Frat Pack (they were huge in the 80s) but these days, it's all about the Frat Pack. Who? The Frat Pack are Ben Stiller, Jack Black, Steve Carrell, Will Ferrell, Owen Wilson, Luke Wilson and Vince Vaughn. Yup, a bundle of side-splittingly hilarious dudes! They're known as a pack because they love to star in movies together. Just check out *Zoolander** if you don't believe us!

Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa is in cinemas from December 18.



Every year the kingdom of Malaria in the movie *Igor* hosts an Evil Science Fair. And every year Dr Schadenfreude's diabolical creation wins. But this year is gonna be different because an Igor has planned to enter ...

A Fair to Remember

FOR NAME'S SAKE

Rightio. First things first. What is an Igor and why is a whole movie named after it? In Malaria, Igors are hunchbacks whose sole purpose is to be the trusted lab assistant to an evil scientist. Sounds fun

What does it take to be an Igor?

- ☐ A hunchback
- ☐ A slurred voice
- ☐ The ability to say the words "Yes, Master" a lot
- ☐ A degree from Igor School
- ☐ The strength to pull switches whenever evil scientists call "pull the switch!"

WEIRD SCIENCE

Whilst most Igors accept their fate, Dr Glickenstein's Igor dreams of becoming an evil

scientist as opposed to one's assistant. He's made plans to chuck a Frankenstein and bring to life the most hideous, evil monster the Fair's ever seen. Good luck!

EVA NOT EVIL

Failure. Failure. Failure.

Not everyone can be an evil scientist and after Igor succeeds in creating his monster he realises how tough the job really is! Yes, he's

created a monster who calls herself Eva, but she's turned out so good she wouldn't even hurt a fly. Failure. Failure. Failure.

Can Igor turn Eva evil in time for the fair? See for yourself when *Igor* comes to life in cinemas January 8.

WIN!!

IGOR

Tickets!

IGOR the hunchback dreams of winning The Evil Scientist of the Year competition. Join **IGOR** and his friends in his quest to become the best evil scientist.

We have 60 in-season family passes to give away.



Only at the movies this January

To enter, hop online at www.dmag.com.au/competitions.asp log in as a DMAG member and follow the prompts. To be eligible to win, all online entries must include the code: DM823976. See page 98 for terms and conditions.

PG

Mild themes
and violence

www.igormovie.com.au

TOP TOYS

We sussed out the hottest toys to get your hands on this Christmas and this is what we found:



Elmo Live!



Uberstix



Baby Alive

Baby Alive

Hot Wheels Trick Tracks



Drop Tower

Spiderman Zoom n Go

Pictureka!

Pictureka!

Find it fast, find it first!
Pictureka!



Transformers

Toy Tester: Mitchell Carmody

Age: 11

Toy: WowWee FlyTech BladeStar

Review: An excellent toy that's fun to play with when it flies. It takes some time to get used to the controls though.

Rating: 8.5/10



Iron Man Rocket Blaster

Chou Chou



Femisapien

Toy Tester: Melinda Curran

Age: 10

Toy: ME2

Review: The ME2 is an exciting game that will have you playing every day

for hours. It lets you become part of the game and you can play it with or without the internet.

Rating: 9/10



What you said you wanted:

Boys

1. Wii console
2. DS Lite console
3. Lego
4. Bike
5. Remote controlled toy
6. PS3 console
7. iPod
8. Ben 10 stuff
9. Puppy
10. Transformers stuff

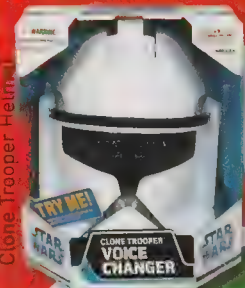
Girls

1. DS Lite console
2. Puppy
3. Wii console
4. Bratz stuff
5. iPod
6. Barbie
7. Camera
8. DS game
9. Pet (other than a puppy)
10. Doll or dollhouse

These results were obtained from our November Reader's Survey. Over 600 children aged 5-12 were surveyed.

Clone Trooper Helmet

Moon-Sand



Clipo



FlyTech Fairy Fly



Bop It Download



Air Hogs Micro



TOP TOYS

Game Guru's top videogames

- Guitar Hero: World Tour
- De Blob
- Little Big Planet
- Pure
- Warioland: The Shake Dimension
- Spore
- Lego Batman: The Videogame
- Rayman Raving

Rabbids: TV Party

- Banjo Kazooie: Nuts & Bolts
- Star Wars The Clone Wars: Lightsaber Duels



Pixel Chix

Rottlover Pup

Meccano Build & Play

MECCANO

Theatrix Magic



Leap Frog Tag

Burst Back Buddy

Toy Tester: Nick Speed

Age: 8

Toy: Spy Gear

Review: This toy looks cool as! The best part is the dart shooter.

It's definitely one to add to your Christmas list this year!

Rating: 10/10



Rip Rider 360

Lego City

Teddy

Nerf Dart Tag

Gator Golf

EyeClops

L-R Leapster 2, Dark Knight Combat Gauntlets



Christian (left) and his little brother Adam (age 5) to help him test the toy!

Toy Tester: Christian Dinh-Vu

Age: 7

Toy: Leap Frog Leapster 2

Review: This toy might look like it's for babies, but once you start playing, it's hard to stop. It's like a portable computer and one of the games you can play on it is WALL-E.

Rating: 10/10

Silly Season

Five super silly things to do this silly season:

- Replace all the jokes in the bon-bons with jokes that are actually funny
- Dress your pets in elf outfits
- Spend a whole day finishing each sentence with the words "Ho, ho, ho!"
- Grab a pack of candy canes and a jaffa and play Candy Cane Hockey with a mate. Winner takes all i.e. gobbles them!
- Streak your hair red and green with coloured hairspray.

For RRP listings on all the toys pictured see page 98

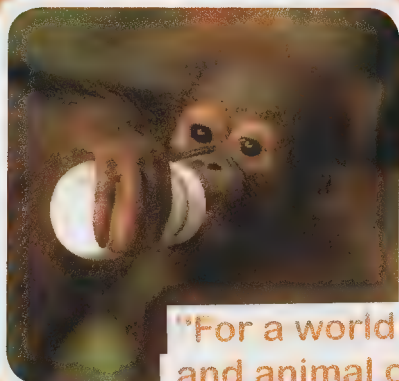
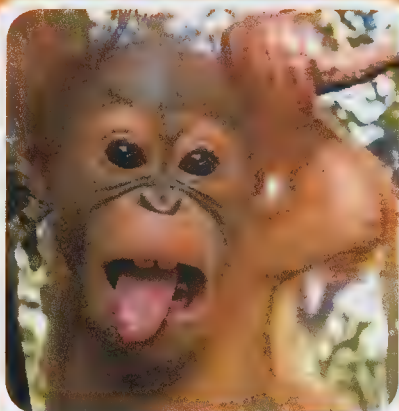
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DESIGN-YOUR-OWN

WIN
the chance
to design
Havaianas!



If you are aged between 7-15 years old, LOVE animals and feel creative - then this comp's for you! Havaianas have teamed up with WSPA (World Society for the Protection of Animals) to give one lucky winner the opportunity to have their own unique design* featured as a limited edition style in the 2009 Havaianas summer range! Very cool!

*selected design will be altered accordingly.

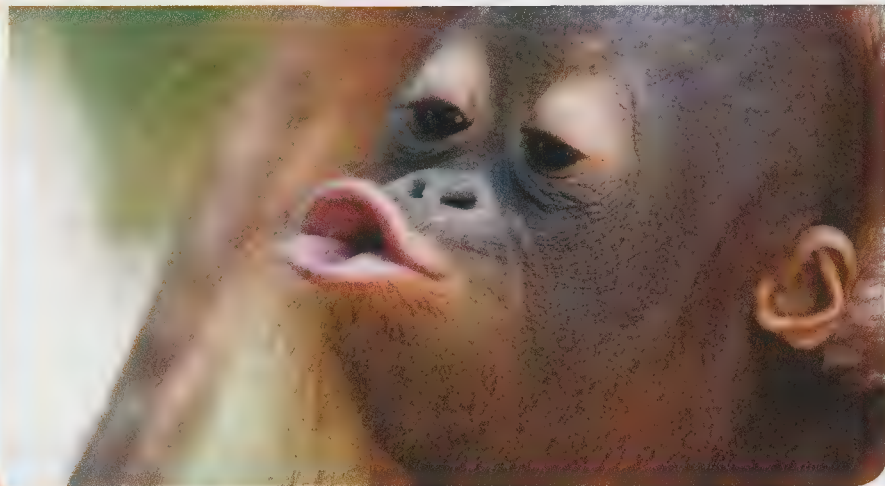


You'll also be able to help the baby orangutans from the Borneo Orangutan Survival Foundation. Not to mention stepping out in the latest Havaianas styles, with one year's supply of the coolest designs!

**"For a world where animal welfare matters,
and animal cruelty ends" - WSPA**

Love animals?
ENTER NOW!
Here's how...

For more information and to enter this competition, grab an entry form in store at any major Havaianas stockists or visit www.havaianas.com.au to download the PDF! Competition closes on the 1st of February 2009 so get designing!



HAVAIANAS AND DMAG PRESENT: **DESIGN-YOUR-OWN WORKSHOPS, THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!**

You are invited to join the fun and get creative with Havaianas at Surf Dive 'n' Ski & Jetty Surf this January!

There will be loads of giveaways and cool work spaces for you to fill out your entries and let your creative flair run wild!

If you register online now at www.dmag.com.au you will also receive a DMAG prize pack on the day!

So come join us at the following Westfield locations:

QLD – 10th Jan, Surf Dive 'n' Ski Carindale (Centre Court)

VIC – 15th Jan, Jetty Surf Chadstone

NSW – 17th Jan, Surf Dive 'n' Ski Bondi Junction

Information about the World Society for the Protection of Animals can be found at www.wspa.org.au

WSPA

World Society for the Protection of Animals



FOUR DOWN

Hello Tasmanian devil token number four! Hope you guys have been diligently collecting our Tassie devil tokens so that you can help us save the cute, but sadly endangered, Tasmanian devil. Collect all five (yes, just one more after this issue) and we'll donate 30 cents on your behalf to the Australian Reptile Park and the Tasmanian devil appeal in a

**Turn to page 98
for your fourth Tassie
devil token.**

50:50 split. Your last token, as well as details on where to send your tokens, will all be in our next issue so don't forget to grab it when it comes out!

PICCOLO MIGILO

We can't get over how adorable our little Tasmanian devil Migilo is and we hope you can't either! Here are a couple of pictures of him and his siblings!



**Left: Our
adopted
joey Migilo.**

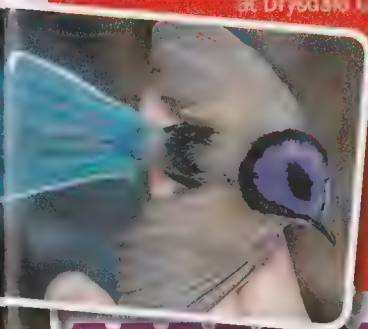


**Tsz Yan helps out with the
penguin protection program.**

FAIRY WREN UPDATE

Oh where, oh where have the fairy wrens gone? A while ago we told you that the beautiful purple-crowned fairy-wren was doing it tough, but now we have some good news to report. So far Mornington Wildlife Sanctuary has found and tagged (for monitoring) 143 wrens and uncovered a new population of wrens

at Drysdale Crossing in the sanctuary. There are quite a lot of juveniles and adults (in fact, wrens present) so this is a very good result. Yay!



Flinders Ranges National Park
A 650 million year old reef was found in Flinders Ranges National Park.

GOOD GRIEF, A REEF!

Our super scientists have unearthed an ancient reef in South Australia's Northern Flinders Ranges containing the fossils of ancient complex organisms. Estimated to be 650 million years old, the scientists say that if these fossils are found to be of multicellular organisms, they will be the earliest known examples of primitive animal life. Research is underway right now to see if they make the grade.

JOIN THE ACADEMY

Fright bust coming these holidays and join the Eco Academy instead! If you're heading down Phillip Island way to check out the teeny tiny "little penguins" * then don't forget to join the park's Eco Academy program. You'll learn heaps of interesting facts about the island and its native flora and fauna from an experienced Education Ranger and even nab yourself an ice cool certificate! For further information visit www.penguins.org.au or call 03 5951 2820

* "Fairy penguins" were recently renamed "little penguins" as this is the more accurate translation of the little dude's scientific name *Eudyptula minor*.



SO GROSS

DMAG's Grossest
of Pages

WHAT'S A POLYP? HOW DOES IT GET UP YOUR NOSE?

Nasal polyps are fleshy swellings that grow inside our nose or sinuses (small cavities

up and behind your nose) and are a result of inflammation of mucous membranes due to things like infection and allergies. Although harmless, if they get too big they can interfere with your breathing, so if you're having breathing problems, run it by your doctor.

Question by Aura McKay

HOW DO PEOPLE EAT SPAGHETTI AND PULL IT OUT OF THEIR NOSE?

Your mouth and nose are connected by passages to let you breathe and smell. So it's not impossible to sneeze spaghetti! (and get it into your nasal passage, although it's hard to only see spaghetti swallow. So "nasal bowlers" prefer to breathe the spaghetti through their nose and pull it out of their mouths from the back of their throat. Surely easy, but if not done right you could end up with spaghetti stuck up your nose!

Question by Adiya Graf

DO YOU GET AN ELECTRIC SHOCK IF YOU HAVE STATIC WHEN YOU FART?

Static electricity occurs when certain objects, e.g. shoes and carpet, rub against each other. This creates a transfer of negatively charged particles called electrons. If these pass from the carpet to your shoes, you end up with too many electrons! So when you touch something else they want to jump to it to balance you up, causing an electric shock. So farting shouldn't play a part in that shock!

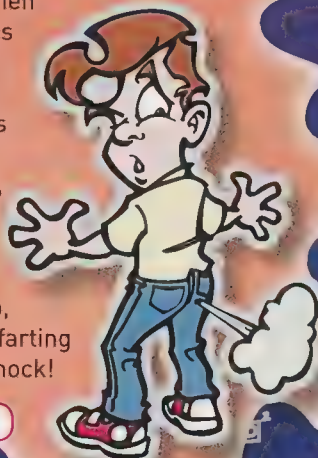
Question by Alex Court



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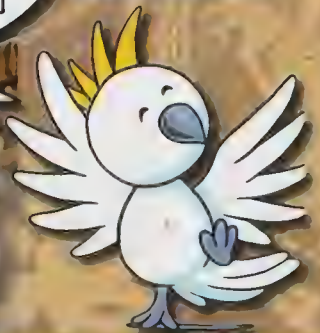
Have you ever wondered where coins come from? Or how they're made?

Every single coin that we use in Australia is made at the Royal Australian Mint.

The Royal Australian Mint is located in our nation's capital Canberra and attracts over 100 thousand visitors a year! The Mint is responsible for producing Australia's circulating coin currency, which are the coins you have in your purses and pockets. The Mint also produces a range of collectable coins that can only be bought and come in many different shapes and sizes.

Hi, I'm Kato the cockatoo from the Little Pinkums collectable coin series! My friends and I would like to show you around the Mint and how coins are made...

What's behind the vault door? Turn the page to find out!



Inside: Kings and collectables – How money is made – Fabulous project pictures

How are coins

The Mint has the capacity to produce over two million coins per day and over six hundred million coins per year. The process of making coins is very complicated – read on to see how it's done!

Dies

From the plaster design, dies are created. Dies are used in machines called coin presses to strike, or imprint, the design of the coin on to it.

There are four different types of dies created for each coin. These dies are called the Reduction Punch, the Master Die, the Working Hob and the final Production Die. The Production Die is what is used in coin presses and this die makes an estimated three hundred thousand circulating coins.

Wouldn't you love to have a machine that made money?



Australia's 50c coin is the world's largest circulating coin.

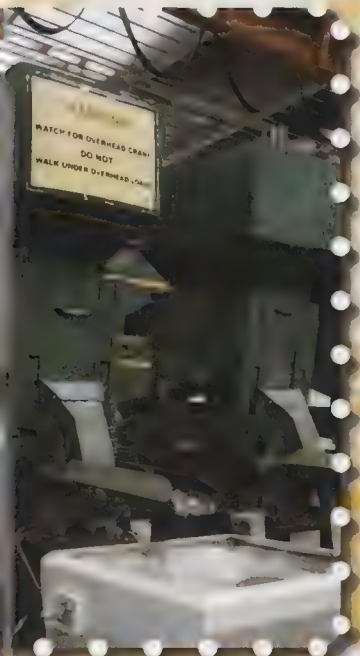
Blanks

Blanks are what coins are made from. Coins begin as a blank piece of metal, which later has two images pressed on to it, heads and tails.

Blanks are pre-cut shapes of metal that are mostly made up of copper and nickel. Blanks are usually round in shape, but an exception is the blank used for Australia's 50c coin.



s made?



Annealing and Burnishing

Before blanks can be used in the coining presses, they need to be softened and cleaned. These processes are referred to as annealing and burnishing.

Annealing is necessary to soften the metal in the blanks so that it is easier to strike the image on to it. Blanks are placed in a furnace and heated at the extremely hot temperature

of 850 degrees Celsius! Blanks are then burnished or cleaned, which is what gives new coins that bright and shiny look.

Blanks are tumbled in a mixture of small steel and ceramic balls combined with special chemicals that polish the surface of the blank.

Now the blanks are ready to be coined ...

Dies are cleaned and polished to make them last longer.



These blanks (left) are future \$1 coins.

Newly made coins
ready to go into
circulation.

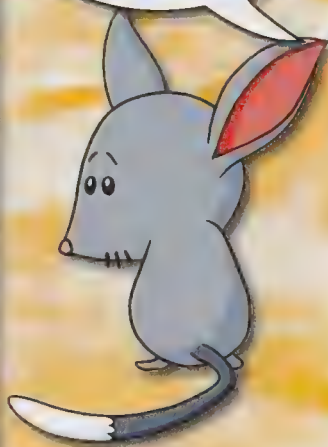


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Coining

The process of making a coin is referred to as the 'coining process'. In this process, dies are installed in the coining press and blanks are fed into the machine to be struck. Blanks are automatically fed into the machine and held in place by a collar. While in the collar, two dies strike either side of the blank making a coin. The two sides of the coin, heads and tails, are referred to as the obverse (heads) and the reverse (tails).

**It takes 90 tonnes
of force to coin a \$1
coin. That's equivalent
to the weight of
22 elephants!**



Once a coin has been struck, it is collected in a small catch box that is regularly checked for quality, then it is transferred into a larger tote box.

To the bank – and to your pocket!

After coining, the coins are security packed and sent out to the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA). The RBA then distributes shiny new coins to banks all over Australia so that shops can use them for change. These coins find their way into your purses and pockets when you buy something from a shop.

Robots

At the Mint there are lots of jobs to be done and we use different machines to help us ...



This is a robot in action! It's packing coins at the Mint.

Robots are used at the Mint to help pack our coins for distribution. They even help us make our coins by painting them!

The Mint will soon be home to the Kuka Titan – the world's strongest robot! This robot along with some robot vehicles will soon join the Mint team and help with some of the heavy lifting.

Pad printing

Not all coins are gold or silver in colour. At the Mint, we make coins that are also colourful, through a process called Pad Printing.



Robots are used to paint special ink onto coins. This photo shows how the Mint made a coloured coin of a longfin bannerfish, as part of its \$1 Ocean Coin series.

Coin Collecting

His Royal Highness,
the Duke of Edinburgh,
officially opened the
Royal Australian Mint in
Canberra on Monday
22 February 1965.



What do kings have to do with coin collecting? Read on to find out!

People started collecting coins thousands of years ago and it used to be called the "Hobby of Kings." Kings used to be the only people in the world who could afford to collect coins, but now coin collecting can be enjoyed by everyone.

People collect coins for lots of different reasons, some collectors keep their coins for a very long time

and sometimes they can become quite valuable. Other people collect simply because they like the way coins look and are interested in the beauty of the coin and the process behind making them.

You can buy special collector coins from the Mint or you can start by collecting coins from your change and keeping them somewhere special.

**Since opening in 1965
the Mint has produced
over 14 billion
circulating coins!**



The 50c coin has 12 sides, and is called a dodecagon. But the 50c coin was not always this shape, it was originally a circular coin.

Visiting the Mint



A visit to the Mint is a fabulous experience. Normally you can see the coining presses in action, however, the observation galleries are closed until after Easter 2009 while a completely new visitor experience is being built. There is still plenty to see and do at the Mint including watching an animated theatrette presentation

that steps you through the refurbishment project and shows how money is made; and the Treasures of the National Coin Collection exhibit which displays decimal and pre-decimal coins. And as always, you can still make your very own \$1 coin! The Mint is open all year-round except Christmas day and Good Friday.

FREE entry, FREE parking but sorry, no FREE samples!

If your school visits the Royal Australian Mint you'll be able to see money-making in action!

Everyone likes to see lots of money, and now that you know all about the Mint and how coins are made you can come see it in real life.

Want to start collecting coins?

If you want to start your own coin collecting adventure, why not begin with the 2008 Pad Printed \$1 Land Series coin collection?

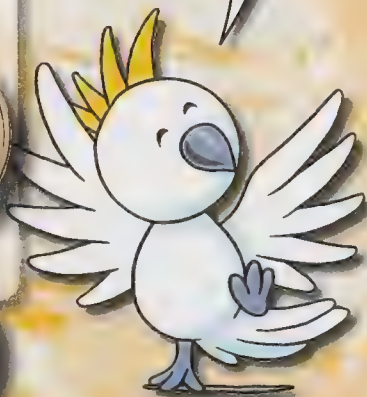
These \$1 coins make excellent gift ideas and priced at \$14.95 are an inexpensive way for new collectors to begin a lifetime of coin collecting.

Each coin features an Australian native species and is pad printed in full colour. Start your collection now!

These coins from the Pad Printed \$1 Land Series feature the wombat, echidna, koala and rock wallaby.



Find out more about Australian wildlife by collecting these coins!



Pay us a visit

To find out more about the Royal Australian Mint, please visit www.ramint.gov.au or call 1300 652 020.

Online, you will be able to view and purchase these and other great collectable coins.



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Did you

G'Day! I'm Red the Red Kangaroo from the Australian Reptile Park here to share with you the cool nature and environment facts that I found this month. Check them out...



DID YOU KNOW...

A penguin can actually fall asleep whilst in the water! It snoozes along as it floats on the surface. Zzzzz.

DID YOU KNOW...

Tane Mahuta is the largest known kauri tree alive in New Zealand. It stands at 51 metres high and has a circumference of 13.8 metres.



DID YOU KNOW...

When threatened, cuttlefish will squirt clouds of ink into the water in order to hide their escape.



DID YOU KNOW...

Modern fridges generate half as much greenhouse gas as fridges made 15 years ago.



know?

DID YOU KNOW...

The cones on the female *Welwitschia mirabilis* are blue-green and produce a nectar droplet to attract insects for pollination.



DID YOU KNOW...

While feeding on the cones of trees, the Asian based red squirrel is vulnerable to being seized off its branches by goshawks (birds of prey).



DID YOU KNOW...

Damselflies use the tip of their abdomens to slit open the stems of plants, which are submerged in water, and lay their eggs inside them.



Check out this month's environmentally-friendly top tip and you'll see how easy it is to make the world a cleaner and greener place for all of us to live in!

Top Tip:

GIVE THE GIFT OF GREEN

Take a page out of Shrek's book and green up your Christmas presents this year. We don't need to tell you twice that shop-bought presents use heaps of the Earth's resources to be made, so why not do something as



a Christmas present instead? Here are some ideas: give your parents a rest and offer to wash the dishes, help out with the laundry or weed the garden. And for your siblings, why not show them your sweet side and offer to tidy their rooms or let them play with one of your toys that they've been eyeing lately?

Homework Help

If you have a question about anything to do with science, nature or the environment, visit www.dmag.com.au and ask Red for help.

*Catch Melman the giraffe
in Madagascar: Escape
2 Africa in cinemas from
December 18.*

The Neck Chiefs

Long legs, long necks, all giraffe. They're typically one of the first animals you learn about growing up, but we bet you didn't learn any of these fun giraffe facts!

■ Spotted Leopard

The scientific name for the giraffe is *Giraffa camelopardalis*. This is because ages ago some viewed the giraffe as a mix between a camel (probably due to the overall shape of its body) and

a leopard (due to its spots). We know better now!

■ Water Hogs

How is a giraffe like a camel? Well, whilst giraffes don't have two big humps to store water in, they are still able to survive for a number of days without water. They do this by keeping hydrated using the moisture from the tree leaves that they eat.

■ Tall Tails

It's hard to believe that

anybody would want to hunt this spotted creature, but sadly people do. Some African tribes hunt giraffes for meat and giraffe tails are used in the tourist trade to create bracelets, fly swatters and strings for sewing beads.

■ What a bully!

The two knobs on the top of a giraffe's head are actually bones covered in furred skin. These are used to protect their heads,

particularly when engaging in a "necking" duel. Necking is when male giraffes intertwine necks and try to push each other over to prove their dominance.

FAST FACTS

HEIGHT:

Up to 5.5 metres

HABITAT:

Sub-Saharan Africa

LIFESPAN:

25 years in the wild

DID YOU KNOW:

The giraffe is the world's tallest land mammal



Cabaret Mechanical Theatre presents

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Great Aut

What happens when you mix puppets, science and automata? Some magical mechanics that's what! Here's a sneak peek at Questacon's newest exhibition: *Cabaret Mechanical Theatre Presents Mechanics Alive!!*

This amazing exhibition has just opened at Questacon in Canberra. It's been brought straight from the United Kingdom and it will take you to another world, one filled with incredible automata.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 1793 the French built a duck automaton that they claimed was capable of digestion. Huhmm, sounds a bit like a Baby Alive doll - you feed it and it poops ...



Gods and fish

In this exhibition you'll see automata such as a fish jumping into a cat's mouth, an Egyptian God performing sit-ups and even a man eating from the bath he is stewing in! Automata isn't a car show. Automata are animal or human-like mechanical sculptures. They use gears,

omata

BE INSPIRED

*Catch the Cabaret
Mechanical Theatre Presents
Mechanics Alive!! Exhibition
at Questacon in Canberra.
But be quick, this exhibition
closes on 27 January 2009!
For more information
check out [www.
questacon.edu.au](http://www.questacon.edu.au)*

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stories, using only simple mechanisms such as gears, cams, levers and pulleys.

Tea anyone?

Japanese inventors made Karakuri automata dolls that could pour a cup of tea. A Karakuri doll can be seen at Questacon in Canberra, although it won't pour you a cup of tea!

Make your own automata

Wanna have a go at making your own automata? You will after you see this exhibition. Make sure you get down to Canberra these school holidays to check it out at Questacon. Not only will it amaze and

inspire you, it will give you ideas for things to make at home. And it will help you understand how mechanical things work. Next time you ride your bike you might even recognise some similar parts! If you've made anything like this, we'd love to hear from you. Email your pics to kristen@dmag.com.au.

cams, levers and pulleys to move around, but they DON'T need electricity to do amazing things.

Hundreds of years ago

Automata were first built hundreds of years ago. Then in the 1800s, French inventors made automata dolls that could play music on a keyboard or write short



WILDLIFE IN DANGER!

If you're a *DMAG* subscriber, or if you've been buying *DMAG* in Australia or New Zealand, you'll have been getting our *Wildlife in Danger Top Trumps* cards. But what do you do if you miss one? Here's the lowdown ...

address on the front of it.

- 2) Put \$1.10 worth of stamps on the front of the envelope (two 55c stamps)

DMAG Top Trumps Promo
PO Box 1036

Spit Junction NSW 2088

- 4) Stick a stamp on the smaller envelope and send it to us.



OK you've got

card 3, but you've just realised that means you've missed cards 1 and 2. How do you get the missing cards? Don't stress, just follow these easy steps.

If you live in Australia:

- 1) Grab an A4 envelope* and write your name and

Did you know?

We're giving away *Wildlife in Danger Top Trumps* cards but did you know that there are stacks of other *Top Trumps* packs to collect? Check out www.toptrumps.com.au to see the full range.



Have you got these Top Trumps from cards 1 and 2?

- 3) On the back of the envelope, write which cards you are missing e.g. cards 1 and 2
- 3) Fold that envelope down and stick it into a smaller envelope addressed as follows:

Congratulations, you've

just gone through the steps required to send us a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

What happens next? We put the missing *Top Trumps* card(s) in the A4 envelope and send it to you – easy! You don't have to pay for the cards, provided that you've just covered the cost of posting them.

If you live in New Zealand, please email stephanie@dmag.com.au and she will send you details on how to get the cards.

*Note: Envelope must be A4 – we don't want to bend your *Top Trumps* cards when we send them!

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HELLO HELLO!

I hope you're out there trying new things and making the most of the sunshine!

As requested by Erin, I've found some interesting facts about another one of our loveable Aussie animals – the echidna!

- Echidnas are monotremes (marsupials that lay eggs)
- They have sticky tongues and their



scientific name, *Tachyglossus aculeatus*, means 'spiny fast-tongue'

- Echidna babies are called 'puggles' and stay in their mother's pouch until they start developing spines (otherwise that could be painful!)
- Their spines are actually modified hair (like hardened, dry fur)

I love getting your emails about anything and everything so please keep them coming to pip@dmag.com.au

Till next month-
have fun!!
Pip x

PIP'S PAGE!

THIS MONTH AT TOTALLY WILD

What happens if you head to the beach for a surf and there are no waves?

Problem solved!

I hang out with surfing

instructor Jamo

Borthwick who's

been riding the waves since he was a kid and knows everything there is to know about a big swell and

no swell.

Here's a sneak peek of some of Jamo's out-of-the-water surfing activities!

- Improve your balance using balancing boards. They build up your core strength.



- Do beach runs and stair runs to help build up your muscle and increase your fitness so paddling becomes easier.



Make sure you tune in to Totally Wild, on Tuesday 16 December @ 4pm to get the full story and see what else the team is up to!



• ACTIVE ZONE • ACTIVE ZONE • THE DMAG HEALTH REPORT!

Feta and Spinach Omelette

Kee up your energy levels these holidays with a protein-rich omelette! (Serves 2)

You'll need: a parent to help, half a bunch of English spinach leaves (shredded), teaspoon of olive oil, half a small onion (chopped), garlic clove (crushed), 30g reduced fat feta (crumbled), 4 eggs (beaten).

1. Heat oil in a fry pan then cook onion over medium heat until golden.
2. Add garlic and cook for one minute, then add spinach and sprinkle feta on top.
3. Add beaten egg mixture and cook until bottom is set. Flip to cook the other side. Cook until set.
4. Cut into wedges and serve with salad or bread.



Go egg-static ...

We're egg-static over eggs! Eggs are chock full of vitamins and minerals including B vitamins, which are fab for energy release, and omega-3 which is great for your heart!



Eager Eater

Sometimes being greedy brings on the guilt. Research shows that eating rapidly or until you're full doubles your chances of becoming overweight! So why do we all times eat more than our fill? According to Dr Denney-Wilson it's because humans aren't great at using the cues from their bodies to determine when they're full – they're more likely to use visual cues. So if they have a big portion in front of them, they're likely to eat the lot. The solution? Don't be greedy and overindulge your palate, don't eat too quickly and stop eating when you feel full.



JANUARY SPORTS

Tennis

3-9 The Hopman Cup,
Burswood Dome, Perth

5-10 ASB Classic,
Auckland

10-17 Heineken Open,
Auckland

Jan 19 to Feb 1
Australian Open,
Melbourne Park

Soccer

8 Adelaide United v Sydney
FC, Adelaide Oval

4 Wellington Phoenix v
Newcastle Jets, Wellington

Cycling

18-25 Tour Down Under,
Adelaide

21-25 Trust House Cycle
Classic, New Zealand

Triathlon

11 Gatorade Series
(race 3), Sandringham

23-25 Canberra
Challenge - series 2,
Canberra

Sailing

23-26 Skandla Geelong
Week, Geelong

26 Auckland Anniversary
Day Regatta, Auckland

Cricket

21 Twenty20 Big Bash
preliminary final

24 Twenty20 Big
Bash final

GIRLS CAN KICK IT TOO

Did you know that women's football (soccer) is the fastest growing women's team sport in Oz? It's true! And it's such a big deal that a new national comp for women players called the Westfield W-League kicked off with a whopping eight teams in competition in October. Think that was news? Wait until you hear this: a national women's team for under 13s is gonna be launched next year for budding soccer stars wanting to get a foot in early. Woohoo!

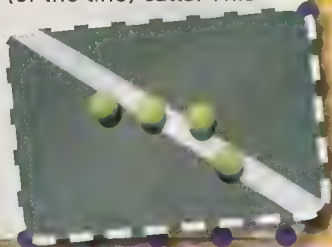


*Kyah Simon
kicking it for the
Central Coast
Mariners.*

The Westfield W-League comps run until the grand final on Jan 17. See www.w-league.com.au for dates.

LINE WATCHING

Tennis season is peeping around the corner and whether you're in the grandstand or watching on the couch you're sure to heckle at least once at the linesman for a call you feel is unjust. And if it's an "out" call, you might be right. Studies have shown that around 85 per cent of incorrect calls are "out" (of the line) calls. This is 'cos there's usually a time lag between the moment an image hits the eye's retina and when the brain processes it. This makes the brain think that the object has moved slightly further than it really has.



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HEALTH REPORT! THE DMAG HEALTH

CRICKET CHICK

Australian bowler Delissa Kimmince chats with DMAG about why she prefers gold rather than green ...

DMAG: How did you get in2 cricket?

Delissa: Through a similar program like Milo in2cricket where I learnt the basics of the game, like batting, bowling, throwing and catching.

DMAG: What sports did you play in school?

Delissa: A bit of everything. Cricket, netball, touch footy, futsal, handball, soccer, tennis.

DMAG: When you were younger, where was your fave place to play cricket?

Delissa: Definitely the back yard. You can't beat the good old back yard cricket rules! I got my first century in the back yard (of course).

DMAG: If you could play alongside any cricketer who would it be?

Delissa: Karen Rolton. I've admired her as a young cricketer.



DMAG: What's your career highlight so far?

Delissa: Receiving my One Day International playing cap, playing my first game and grabbing my first wicket for the green and gold.

DMAG: Which colour do you prefer: green or gold?

Delissa: Gold because it stimulates the team or person who is number one at what they do! Green represents Australia, the gold stands for we want to be, the best!

DMAG: How can kids get into cricket?

Delissa: Head to www.in2cricket.com.au.





Hey Gamers, Christmas is the time to sit back, relax and play lots of videogames! This issue we check out the new *Ben 10*, *Animal Crossing*, *Madagascar*, *Sonic*, *Naruto*, *Boogie*, *Motorstorm* and *Pokémon* games – that's a lot of sequels! We also get hands on with *Prince of Persia*, *LittleBIGPlanet* and *Guitar Hero: World Tour*. Have a great holiday and I'll catch up with you next month...

Game Guru

HANDS ON - FIRST PLAY!

PRINCE OF PLATFORMERS!

Game Guru gets hands on with a "new-look" *Prince of Persia*...

PRINCE OF PERSIA

Xbox 360 (also on PS3/PC)
Single Player
Rating: PG

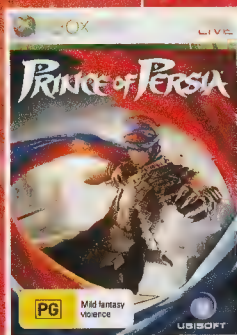
The Prince first appeared almost twenty years ago in the PC title *Prince of Persia* (POP).

Since then, a lot of things have changed. Originally, POP was a 2D, side-scrolling, platformer. Almost a decade later it became an action-packed *Sands of Time* trilogy.

Now a new story begins... We have a new Prince and a totally fresh look! The realistic visuals of the trilogy have been tossed in favour of spectacular cel-shaded graphics. This time around

the Prince must stop an ancient god of darkness from spreading his evil across the land. Armed with his sword, powerful new gauntlet, and a

bunch of acrobatic moves, he'll make short work of gaping chasms, towering obstacles, and deadly enemies. Joining him is a newcomer Elika,



who is able to use magic. Players control the Prince, while Elika sticks close-by, ready to lend a hand with double jumps, magical moves in attack combos, and to save you, if you happen to slip-up. They're an awesome team making this an awesome game!

VERDICT: This is a thrilling experience. But be warned, some of the creatures are pretty freaky, so it's best suited to older DMAG readers.

SNEAK PEEKS!



BEN 10: Alien Force

PS2 (also on Wii/
PSP/DS)
Single &
Multiplayer
Rating: PG

Ben is back, and the Omnitrix is going into overdrive in this sequel to *Ben 10: Protector of Earth*! Inspired by the new *Alien Force* series, Ben is older and has a new collection of aliens. Players control Ben in this wicked brawler and battle the bad guys with powerful aliens like Humungosaur, Swampfire, Big Chill, Alien X, Goop, Spidermonkey, Echo Echo, Chromastone, Brainstorm, and Jetray - awesome!!!

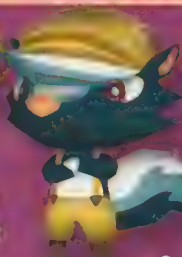


ANIMAL CROSSING: Let's go to the City

Wii
Single & Multiplayer
Rating: G
If you like "Sim" games with cute talking animals, check out the *Animal Crossing* on Wii. For the first time, you can chat with your friends while you're playing online using the WiSpeak mike. You and up to three mates can live, build and work together in your virtual village - cool!

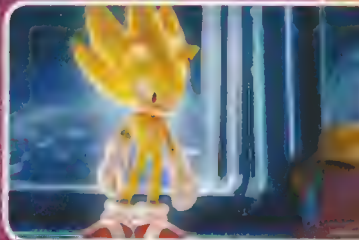
MADAGASCAR: Escape 2 Africa

PS3 (Xbox 360/Wii/
PS2/DS/PC)
Single & Multiplayer
Rating: PG
Join Alex, Marty, Melman, and Gloria as they get up to all sorts of mayhem in the videogame sequel to *Madagascar*. Players can expect loads of fun and laughs, as these crazy creatures party through 12 entertaining levels. There's even a multiplayer mode, so you can challenge your family and friends!



SONIC UNLEASHED

Xbox 360 (also on PS3)
Single Player
Rating: G
Dr Eggman has broken the world and it's up to Sonic to get it back together again using the power of the



Chaos Emeralds. This Sonic adventure is a fusion of 2D platform-styled racing, slick 3D visuals and Werehog combat! Sonic is now like a werewolf, transforming at night into a hairy, fanged, clawed beast. It's pretty freaky, but it does make for some cool combat, once the sun goes down!



SNEAK PEEKS!

GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS THE VIDEOGAME

GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS

Wii (also on DS)
Single & Multiplayer
Rating: PG

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to break a totally off-the-wall world record? You know what I'm talking about!

Guys growing metre long fingernails or gals who can gobble hundreds of cockroaches. Now you can experience these crazy stunts for yourself in the *Guinness World Records* videogame. It's on Nintendo's Wii and there are 40 bizarre challenges to compete!

SHREK'S Carnival Craze

Wii (also on PS2/PC/DS)
Single & Multiplayer
Rating: G

Shrek and the Far Far Away gang are bringing their

twisted fairytale humour to Wii in a crazy collection of carnival games. Mini-game mayhem is guaranteed, with around 28 challenges, including classics like the Pinocchio Ring Toss, Rapunzel's Hair Climb and Frog Fling. Join your fave Shrek characters and go wild with your family and friends!



mental muscles moving. Players choose from a number of contestants (all Disney faves, like Donald and Mickey), and compete to see who's the ultimate quiz master. It even has the Genie from *Aladdin* as the host, making this a most entertaining party game.

Wii MUSIC

Wii
Single & Multiplayer
Rating: G

If you want to have a jam session on your Wii, look no further than *Wii Music*. This new title allows

players to let loose their inner musician, using simple gesture-based controls.

Turn your lounge room into a stage, as you become the star of the show, playing the instrument of your choice. Try out the guitar, piano, or perhaps a saxophone. There are around sixty different instruments to choose from, and you can even add a balance board when you're playing the drums – rock on!

DISNEY Think Fast Wii & PS2 Single &

Multiplayer
Rating: G

If brain-busting quiz games are your thing, you're gonna go wild over Disney *Think Fast*. It's a solid collection of general knowledge



and Disney trivia questions, that's sure to get those



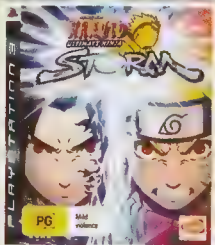
HANDS ON - FIRST PLAY!

NARUTO: Ultimate Ninja Storm

PS3

Single & Multiplayer
Rating: PG

It's been a great couple of months for *Naruto* fans, with the release of *The Broken Bond* on Xbox 360,



who brought us *Gunstar Heroes* comes another bullet riddled 2D shooter on DS. Inspired by the N64/Dreamcast cult classic *Bangai-O*; *Spirits* adds

something fresh to the mix. In addition to stacks of enemies, explosions, and missiles, there are tricks to finish the levels. So it's essentially a puzzle shooter. There's also a level creator and multiplayer, to spice things up.

VERDICT This shooter has a twist - it's a puzzle as well. Woah!

POKÉMON RANGER: Shadows of Almia

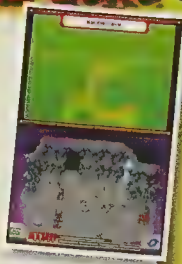
DS

Single Player
Rating: G

Shadows of Almia allows players to use the stylus (Capture Styler) and touch screen, to catch Pokémon during the adventure. This is done by quickly drawing circles around the creature, which then becomes a member of your party. Then you

can use the Pokémon's abilities to help complete your missions as a Pokémon Ranger - cool!

VERDICT Worth a look for all Pokémaniacs!



BOOGIE SuperStar

Wii

Single & Multiplayer
Rating: PG

This funky sequel to *Boogie* looks like it's been designed with



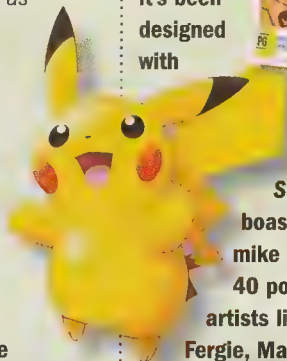
girls in mind. *Boogie SuperStar*

boasts a special mike and over 40 pop hits from

artists like Rihanna, Fergie, Maroon 5, Alicia

Keys and Britney Spears. Players design their look by customising their character and then sing and dance their way to superstardom! You can even get your friends to join in the fun, making this one groovy party game!

VERDICT Great for gamer gals who want to be stars!



and now, *Ultimate Ninja Storm* on PS3. The good news is that *Ninja Storm* is a spectacular 3D brawler, that is sure to get *Naruto* fans into a frenzy! Choose from 25 characters from the series, and unleash your "fists of fury" and explosive jitsu attacks on your opponents - wicked!

VERDICT Awesome chop-sockey action!

BANGAI-O Spirits

DS

Single & Multiplayer
Rating: PG

From the guys



RAD REVIEWS!



MOTORSTORM Pacific Rift

PS3

Single & Multiplayer

Rating: PG

This off-road racer was one of PS3's blockbuster launch titles, and the sequel *Pacific Rift* throws the arcade-styled racing action into overdrive! Boasting more vehicles, tracks, and a new setting, the sandy, jungle-strewn islands of the Pacific have boosted *Motorstorm's* appeal for motorised mayhem.

Once again the gameplay is fast and furious, and now racers can even tear up the circuits by taking the driver's seat of hulking Monster Trucks – AWESOME!

RATING:

Game Visuals	90%
Game Audio	83%
Game Play	85%
Fun Factor	88%
Total Score	87%

CELEBRITY SPORTS SHOWDOWN

Wii

Single & Multiplayer

Rating: G

If you're looking for a party game that's perfect to play with family and friends, then you really can't go past this. It's called *Celebrity Sports Showdown*. Taking inspiration from Wii games like *Wii Sports* and *Big Beach Sports*, *Celebrity Sports* allows you to challenge your

mates in a whopping 12 action-packed activities like beach volleyball, archery, dodgeball, skiing ... even air races! But best of all, you actually play as celebrities

like Nelly Furtado, Avril Lavigne, Keith Urban, Fergie and Sugar Ray Leonard – it's fun, but completely and utterly bizarre!

RATING:

Game Visuals	80%
Game Audio	77%
Game Play	81%
Fun Factor	83%
Total Score	80%



POP CAP Games ZUMA/CHUZLE/BEJWELED 2

PC

Single Player

Rating: G

These addictive budget titles are easy “pick-up and play” games.

Game Guru's faves of the moment are *Bejeweled 2* (match like-coloured gems), *Chuzzle*



(match same-coloured creatures and then pop them), and *Zuma* where you control a cool frog that spits out coloured balls. Match 'em

with the ones that are slowly filling up a twisted Aztec maze and you'll win!

RATING:

Game Visuals	75%
Game Audio	76%
Game Play	88%
Fun Factor	86%
Total Score	80%





DUAL GAMES OF THE MONTH!

LittleBIGPlanet

PS3

Single & Multiplayer

Rating: G

This is the PS3 game that we've all been waiting for! *LittleBIGPlanet* is one of the most innovative and creative videogames to come along in ages and it's great fun for both young and old.

It's a 2D platformer with some of the most spectacular visuals ever seen on console, and it's a real hoot to play alone or with friends. Many of the levels have sections that require teamwork, so getting together with your mates to solve the many puzzles and obstacles, is part of the fun!

Best of all, *LittleBIGPlanet* is also a game-maker, with a simple to use level construction kit. So if you're feeling creative, you can make your own levels and post them



online for the rest of the world to play. This is a must for anyone with a PS3!

RATING:

Game Visuals	97%
Game Audio	96%
Game Play	85%
Fun Factor	96%
Total Score	96%

GUITAR HERO: World Tour

PS3 (also on
Xbox 360/Wii/
PS2)
Single &
Multiplayer
Rating: PG

You may have seen Game Guru rocking with Palmer and Kel on *Toasted TV* recently and this was the videogame we were roadtesting: *Guitar Hero: World Tour*. I gotta say, this is the most amazing four-way co-op I've ever played. Cranking up *World Tour* with your mates, delivers the full band experience (guitar, bass, drums, mike).

It gets even better when you hop online and go head-to-

head with a rival band in an 8-way "Battle of the Bands". With around 80 tracks from some of rock's biggest legends - not to mention stacks of



customisation features and even composing tools to create your own tracks (post 'em online so others can play 'em) - this is the most awesome *Guitar Hero* ever!

RATING:

Game Visuals	91%
Game Audio	95%
Game Play	95%
Fun Factor	98%
Total Score	95%



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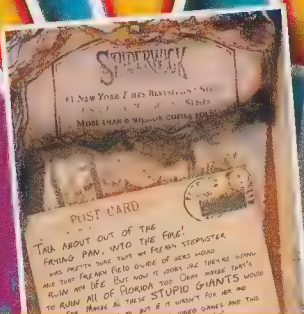
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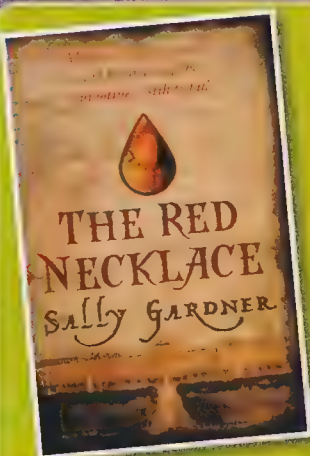
Dear reader, if you love poetry and can make it to Sydney on the 28th February we'd love to invite you to the 2008 Taronga Foundation Poetry Prize Award ceremony. There'll be yummy snacks, stacks of great poetry (some of it written by our readers) and goodie bags to grab. It's held at the Taronga Centre, which is next to Taronga Zoo, so it makes for a great day out. See www.btgstudios.com/tfpp.html for more information.

Off the Shelf

THE RED NECKLACE

By Sally Gardner

Paris, 1789. A revolution is in the making. People are starving in the streets but the aristocracy is partying harder than ever. It's at one such party that Yann's friend is murdered. He and Yann were performing a magic show together for the creepy Count Kalliovski. The only good to come of it is that Yann meets Sido, daughter to a wealthy Marquis but unloved and ignored. Will Yann see Sido again? And how is the powerful Count linked to Yann's gypsy heritage? This story is



brilliant – full of mystery, murder, colour and even a type of magic that is so convincing you could almost believe that it might be true.

Ages 10 to 14

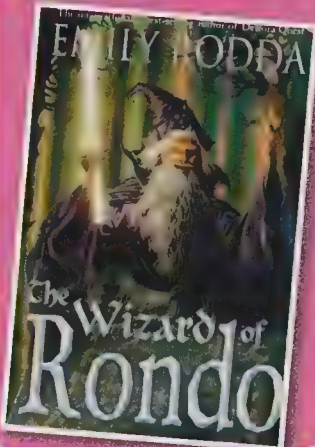
THE WIZARD OF RONDO

By Emily Rodda

The World of Rondo can only be entered through

an antique music box. It can be a perilous place so it's not always safe to visit, especially with the Blue Queen gaining power. Which is the very reason cousins Leo and Mimi feel that they have to return to Rondo. Soon they're dragged into a quest to find out why a mushroom allegedly killed a wizard. Filled with interesting characters – like a celebrity pig and a disgruntled duck – this book is a fantastical read that will have you hooked.

Ages 9 to 12



WHERE THE STREETS HAD A NAME

By Randa Abdel-Fattah

You've probably only heard about Palestine's West Bank in the news.

a poignant, funny and timely novel. I loved it
ARUNA DASH HETTA author of Looking for Amir



But this story, as told by 13-year-old Hayaat, will bring it alive. See how life goes on for people living in a virtual war-zone. You might think that going to school is a bore, but what if you couldn't go because of a curfew? Or imagine not being allowed to go to the shops? Despite the restrictions, Hayaat is on a mission – to bring back a handful of soil from Jerusalem to her grandmother, who is on her deathbed. Hayaat believes it will save her beloved grandmother's life. Easy to read, warm and refreshing, this book will captivate you.

Age 12+

TOAD SURPRISE

By Morris Gleitzman

It's been a while since we've heard from Limpy

the cane toad and his junk-food-loving mate Goliath. But this time it's Christmas, and Limpy feels that it's the best time of year for humans to start appreciating just how nice cane toads are. Yes, as always, Limpy is on a mission to save his relatives from being run over by trucks. Why do humans hate cane toads so much? But then Limpy witnesses something



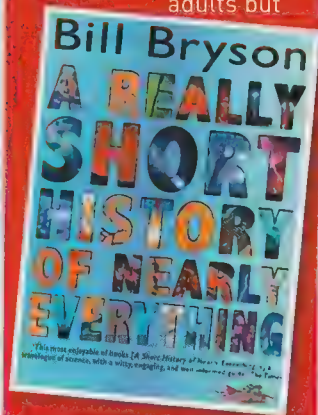
incredible. Goliath in a Santa hat and humans ... well, we won't give away what happens, you'll have to find out for yourself! Another wonderfully funny read about friendship, family and some misunderstood frogs.

Ages 7 to 12

A REALLY SHORT HISTORY OF NEARLY EVERYTHING

By Bill Bryson

I cannot tell you how much I love this book – it has everything (well nearly). Bill Bryson wrote a similarly titled book for adults but



this version is 1000 times better. Not only does it have pictures (we all know they tell 1000 words) but the amazing facts about history, science and other really important things are more succinct than in the adults' version. Grab this book to find out about space, dinosaurs, trilobites, germs, earthquakes, the stone-age, Charles Darwin and even your appendix. Brilliant!

Ages 7 to 99

THE TOMORROW CODE

By Brian Falkner

Tane and Rebecca have discovered a code that threatens the survival of the entire human race! How did they come across this code? Here's a peek at how it all began ...

Saturday, September 26

The end of the world started with a rush of adrenalin for Tane Williams and Rebecca Richards standing on the roof on an inner city hotel, staring at the streetlights and the darkened pavement twenty-one storeys below.

It had been raining earlier and the lights reflected in shimmering bursts from the wet road and small puddles on the footpath.

"You ready?" Rebecca asked with a grin.

Tane grinned back to hide his nervous gulp and checked the carabiner on his rope one more time.

"Whenever you are!"

"Let's do it!" she said, and turned, backing slowly towards the edge of the building.

Tane stepped in a shallow pool of rainwater

as he too put his back to the dim sights and sounds of the busy Auckland street below.

Just for a moment he looked up at the stars. They pierced the haze of lights from the buildings around them, scattered like salt-sprinkles on a black satin tablecloth. The rain had stopped many hours ago and the night was clear and beautiful.

"Tane?" Rebecca's voice dragged him back to Earth once again. He took his eyes off the stars and focused on the rope.

That was the only way he was going to step off the edge of a twenty-one storey building; by focusing on the one thing that would prevent him from plummeting to certain, and grisly, death: the rope.

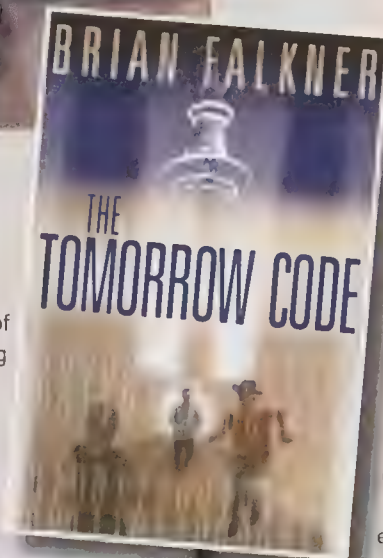
"Remember to stay together," Rebecca said, "or we'll tear the hooks out of the banner."

The banner was resting on the ledge between them, about ten metres in length, tightly rolled into a long vinyl cylinder, clipped onto each of their belts. Tane didn't think there was much chance of it tearing, but there was a chance of it pulling one of them in the wrong direction and what that might lead to he didn't want to think about.

Rebecca stepped off the edge of the building and, before he could think any more

about it, Tane followed. The vinyl banner slid smoothly off the ledge and hung suspended between them.

A light gust of breeze gave Tane a gentle reminder that he was high above the ground, on the outside of a building, but other than that it was no different to all the times they had practised at the indoor climbing wall, or on the abseiling course at the school camp.



Tane steadied himself on the side of the building, feeling the rope accept his weight, and looked around. The moon was lurking about, low on the horizon, coating with silver the apartment blocks and high-rise offices that surrounded them.

He took a step, feeding out the rope, getting a good grip with each boot before taking another step, walking backwards down the side of the building.

His boot slipped at one point and his knee slammed into the side of the building with a thud. He was wearing kneepads though, so no damage was done.

They lowered themselves past a window and Tane's breath caught in his throat as he stared in, right at the face of a security guard.

He threw a panicky glance at Rebecca, but she just put her finger to her lips. Looking back he saw why.

The guard smoothed back his hair, straightened his tie, and licked his thumb before using it to flatten his eyebrows. He struck a couple of staunch, macho poses, jutting his chin forward like an old-time movie star.

Inside the brightly lit hotel corridor, Tane realised the glass was acting like a mirror. The guard was looking at himself, not at Tane, in the darkness outside.

Even so, they waited for the guard to turn away, before continuing down.

It seemed to take forever, but was really just a few seconds, until Rebecca called out, "Here." Her words carried softly to him in a puff of breeze.

Tane looked around and at first could not find what he was looking for. Then he saw it. The large metal eyelet firmly set into the concrete of the building. It was some kind of stay for the window cleaning platforms.

The banner had a large spare carabiner attached, for exactly this purpose, and he twisted his hip around until he could attach the carabiner to the eyelet, testing it before

unclipping the banner from his belt. He took a padlock out of his pocket and clipped it around the carabiner and the eyelet.

It would take a hacksaw to remove the clip now.

He looked across at Rebecca to find that she was waiting for him.

"All cool?" she asked.

"Cool," Tane replied, despite feeling anything but.

"On three," she said.

Tane grasped the clip that kept the banner furled, and waited.

"Three!" Rebecca said.

Tane laughed and pulled off the clip, watching the banner unroll down the side of the building. Two weeks of careful planning had finally come to fruition. The banner with its important, world-shaking protest message about ... whatever Rebecca's latest cause was ... was in place, ready for the march the next day.

Rebecca grinned back and pointed upwards.

Tane groaned. Going down had been the easy part. Going up was going to take a lot more effort.

He clipped his ascender onto the rope above him and pushed it up as high as he could, before starting the arduous trek back up the rappelling rope.

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Spooked by the Spook

If you've read any of the "Spook" books in the *Wardstone Chronicles* series you'll know how scary, but absolutely gripping they are. So how do you set about writing a scary novel? We asked the author of the books, Joseph Delaney ...

DMAG: Did you set out to write something scary?

Joseph: Oh yes, definitely, I tried to be very scary.

DMAG: Why?

Joseph: As a genre, I've always liked horror fiction, folktales - all that kind of thing.

DMAG: When you first started the *Spook* series, did you have any idea where it would go?

Joseph:

Not at all. I don't plot it, I make it up as I go along basically. I thought it would be one book. But then the *Spook* became more complex and then it was a series.

DMAG: Do you do a lot of research?

Joseph: Not really no. Occasionally I check things out. I do a walkover and I use ordinance survey maps. The only one I've researched really was the *Spook's* last book,



Was the *Spook's* mistake the fact that the apostrophe before the 's' was left off the book title

The *Spooks* Mistake? No, it's scarier than that. You'll have

to read the book to find out!

I looked into the Pendle witch story. And I don't like to be tied up by dates. I've never called it Lancashire but it is Lancashire [where the series is set].

DMAG: How do you get that real suspense feeling? Do you have to work at it?

Joseph: Things do get written and reworked all the time. And then eventually I go back to the computer and I rework it for 20 minutes, fiddling things, changing things, trying to make it better. And I've got a good editor, and we meet, we talk, and we think about how we can improve the book.

DMAG: In the series, the apprentice is the seventh son of a seventh son and that's partly why he's special.

Have you ever met a seventh son of a seventh son?

Joseph: No! I wish I had. But I've got seven grandchildren!



because it was done in Pendle and there's a famous picture of the Pendle witches. So

Readers' Fiction

By Daniel Jones, 10



This month's winner, Daniel, has won a \$50 Dymocks gift voucher and is in the running to win \$1000 cash!

Hello, I am the *Daily Telegraph* dated 28/10/08. At the moment I'm in the bin, all dirty and wet. This is how I got here:

I was a nice, new paper. Fresh off the press. Then I was delivered to the newsagency. I was waiting for the paperboy to pick me up ...

The boy walks confidently into the shop with a big smile on his face and says hello to the shopkeeper. He heads for me and the pile of newspapers. He rolls me and squeezes me tight while wrapping a thick red rubber band around me.

He does the same with all the other newspapers and shoves us into a basket at the front of his bike. He says goodbye to the shopkeeper, picks up his bike and rides down the street to deliver us.

We are like a big family in this small basket. While the other

newspapers discuss what news they have inside them I say, "I've got the Rabbits winning against the Bulldogs on my front page."

All the newspapers feel important because we are full of news and information.

As we ride down the street dogs bark at the boy. The paperboy starts to throw the papers to the houses. Oh, no! It's my turn. He throws me up, high across the street. It feels good flying in the air.

Oh, now I'm coming down for a crash landing. Boom! I land on someone's front lawn on some soft grass. I can hear barking again. Then I see a massive dog. He runs towards me, picks me up with his big slobbery mouth and carries me to this owner.

I'm taken inside and placed on a table with a coffee pot and some biscuits on it. An old man picks me up and starts to read me while he

sips his coffee. He is interested in reading my front-page headlines. This makes me feel important.

Suddenly the phone rings. The man jumps up from the table and runs to the phone in the next room. He knocks over the coffee pot and coffee spills all over the biscuits and me. The dog jumps up on the table and starts licking the coffee and soggy biscuits off me.

The man returns to find the dog licking me. His newspaper is ruined. He snatches me off his dog and throws me in the bin outside, closing the lid with a bang!

So here I am. I've been in the bin overnight and am cold, wet, torn and sad. I'm waiting for the recycling truck to pick me up and take me to the recycling factory. Hey, maybe that might not be so bad! I wonder what I will be recycled into. A new magazine, or maybe a birthday card! I think I hear the truck coming. I can't wait to be recycled!

VOTE!

We're having a Readers' Fiction Reader's Choice award! Go to www.dmag.com.au, read all of this year's finalists and click on 'competitions' to vote. The winner and one lucky voter will score \$100 and a load of books!

DESPEREAUX'S DIFFERENCES

Find the eight mousy differences between these two pictures of Despereaux.



MOUSE MUDDLE

Despereaux doesn't proclaim himself to be a man or a mouse. So what does he proclaim himself to be? Use the clues below and figure it out!

My first letter is in king but not in ink
My second letter is in pea but not in tap
My third letter is in sun but not in use
My fourth letter is in tale but not in fallen
My fifth letter is in tail but not in train
My sixth letter is the same as my second
My seventh letter is in mouse but not in house
My eighth letter is in ear but not in return
My ninth letter is in dragon but not in rag-doll

Despereaux is loudly and proudly a _____.

The Tale of Despereaux is in cinemas from January 8.

Open for Business

Find the *Open Season 2* characters and animals in this word find. Words can be horizontal, vertical or diagonal, backwards or forwards.

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- Poodle
- Rabbit

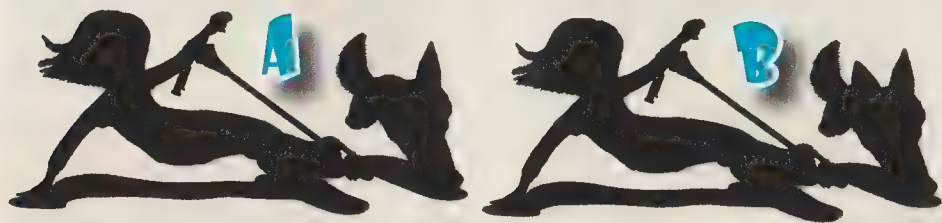


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Season 2
is out now
on DVD.**

SHADOW OF A BOLT

Penny and Bolt, the fab kid-dog duo in the flick *Bolt*, have had their shadows messed about with. Only one of the shadows matches the picture at the bottom correctly.

Can you figure out which one it is?



**Watch Penny and Bolt in action when *Bolt* hits
cinemas from January 1.**

THE CREEPY KIDS OF HORROR HIGH

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IT IS THE HEAD'S
205th BIRTHDAY...

ALLOW ME TO PRESENT
THE CAKE, HEADMASTER.

**PART
ONE!**

CERTAINLY,
MISS SLOPLADY.

MY BEAUTIFUL SHEEP'S
EYE CHOCOLATE
SLIME CAKE...GONE!

I THINK I KNOW JUST
THE PERSON TO HELP
ME FIND MY THIEF.

HEY SPIKE,
WHAT'S
THAT ALL
OVER
YOUR
SHOES?

MUST BE MUD. I NOTICED
IT WHEN I PUT THEM BACK
ON AFTER THE SWIMMING
TRIALS THIS MORNING.

EVERYONE
BACK TO
THE MAIN
HALL!

THE HEAD HAS BROUGHT
IN SHERLOCK BONES &
HIS ASSISTANT
DOCTOR WHATSIT
TO HELP SOLVE
THE CRIME...

AND WE ALREADY
HAVE A CLUE DON'T
WE, WHATSIT?

WE DO BONES-
A SHOEPRINT.

& I THINK WE'LL
CHECK SPIKE'S
SHOES FIRST.

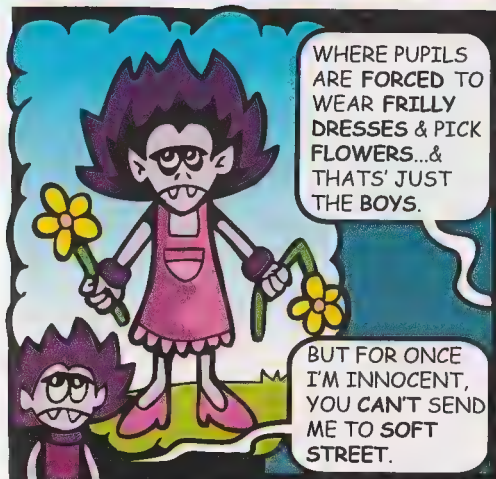


NOTHIN' BUT MUD ON MY SHOES.

NOT MUD BUT CHOCOLATE. WE HAVE OUR CAKE THIEF.



AS PUNISHMENT YOU WILL BE EXPELLED FROM HORROR HIGH AND SENT AWAY TO SOFT STREET SCHOOL...



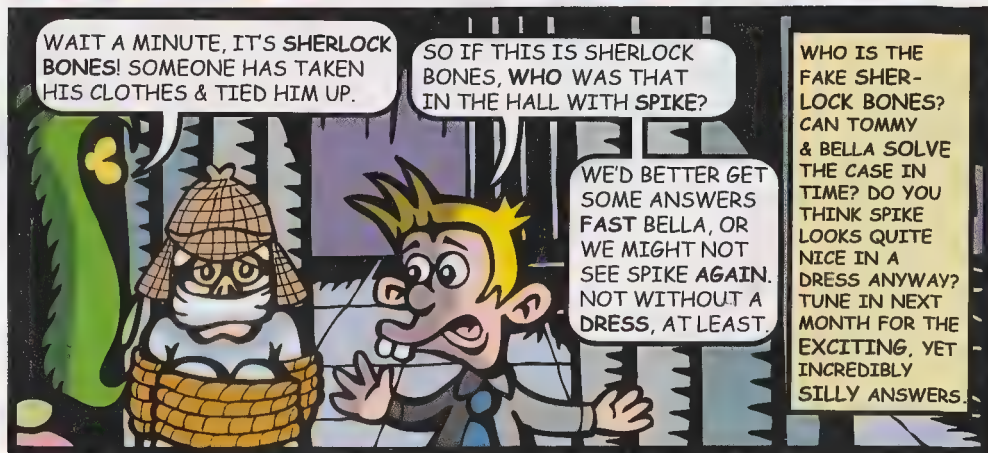
WHERE PUPILS ARE FORCED TO WEAR FRILLY DRESSES & PICK FLOWERS...& THATS' JUST THE BOYS.

BUT FOR ONCE I'M INNOCENT, YOU CAN'T SEND ME TO SOFT STREET.



NO WAY DID SPIKE TAKE THE CAKE. HE'D HAVE SHARED IT WITH ME.

& HE'D HAVE LET ME LICK THE CHOCOLATE OFF HIS SHOES.



WAIT A MINUTE, IT'S SHERLOCK BONES! SOMEONE HAS TAKEN HIS CLOTHES & TIED HIM UP.

SO IF THIS IS SHERLOCK BONES, WHO WAS THAT IN THE HALL WITH SPIKE?

WE'D BETTER GET SOME ANSWERS FAST BELLA, OR WE MIGHT NOT SEE SPIKE AGAIN. NOT WITHOUT A DRESS, AT LEAST.

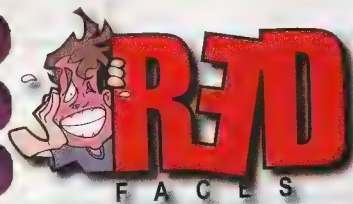
WHO IS THE FAKE SHERLOCK BONES? CAN TOMMY & BELLA SOLVE THE CASE IN TIME? DO YOU THINK SPIKE LOOKS QUITE NICE IN A DRESS ANYWAY? TUNE IN NEXT MONTH FOR THE EXCITING, YET INCREDIBLY SILLY ANSWERS.

PigBoy & Freckles

WEB: WWW.MARKGUTHRIE.BIZ







Ever wished that the ground beneath you would just open up and suck you away from an embarrassing situation? Well those guys have, but now they're big enough to share it with us!



I was in the shops with my bestie and my bestie saw something she liked so she went into a shop to look at it. I waited outside the shop she was in and then I saw my crush and his friends! Just as he was about to walk past I got my phone but she pretended that I was talking, but when he walked past my phone rang! My crush and his friends were all laughing at me!

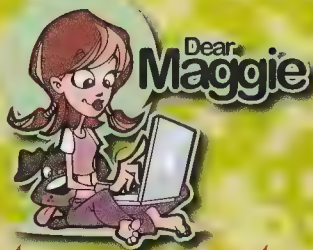
LILSEY

One day during sport some papers went flying and I ran to get them. Suddenly my skirt blew up showing everyone my underwear! How embarrassing!

GILI



If you have an embarrassing moment you'd like to share, email redfaces@dmag.com.au with your story, name and address. If your story is chosen as the most embarrassing of the month, then you'll win a fab DMAG showbag.



Dear **Maggie**

SAVE YOURSELF SOME MAJOR EMBARRASSMENT BY ASKING MAGGIE HOW TO KEEP YOUR COOL IN STICKY SITUATIONS.

Dear Maggie

Sometimes I can't get to sleep and it affects me the following day at school. What can I do to get to sleep?

Sleep Deprived

Dear Sleep Deprived,

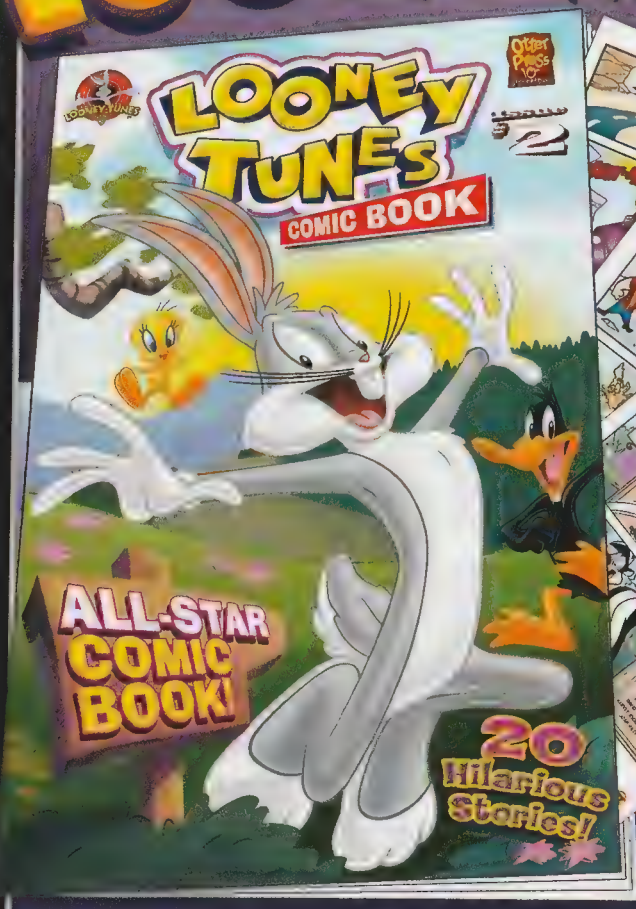
On average, kids should get nine to ten hours of sleep per night. Sounds

like a lot, but sleep deprivation can affect your concentration the next day and make you sluggish, moody and irritable! Ways to help get your snoozing hours up are to go to bed earlier, try to get into a sleeping and waking pattern, don't eat or drink anything that could give you an added buzz before you hit the pillow (e.g. sugar or cola) or, if a noise is keeping you awake, wear earplugs to drown it out.

The most important thing is not to lie in bed worrying about trying to get to sleep. If you do, read a book or listen to music and hit the sack when your body feels tired. If after all this your sleep still hasn't improved, don't ignore it. Tell your parents and visit the doctor for more advice.

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Sure Wood
Forrest

ST-ST-ST-
ST...HALT, BY
ORDER OF THE
ROYAL C-C-
COURT!

I TOLD YOU NOT TO
GOOSE THE GOOSE
THAT LAYS THE GOLDEN
EGGS! NOW OUR
GOOSE IS COOKED--
YOU'VE GOT THE
SHERIFF OF NAUGHTY-
HAM AFTER US!

HE'S AFTER
YOU MORE THAN ME!
I'M NOT THE ONE
WHO PUT ITCHING
POWDER IN THE
KING'S UNDIES!

HEY DOC! I
THINK YOU
DROPPED
SOMETHING.

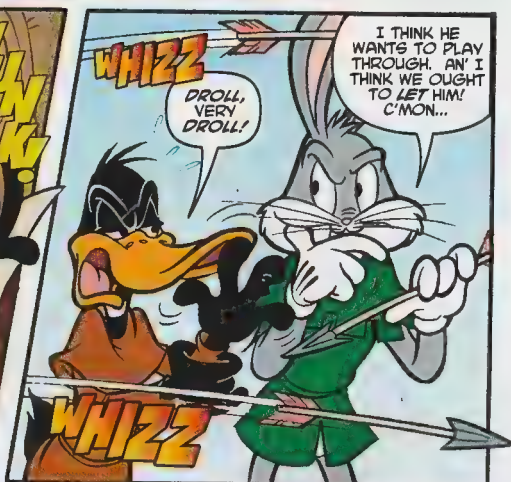
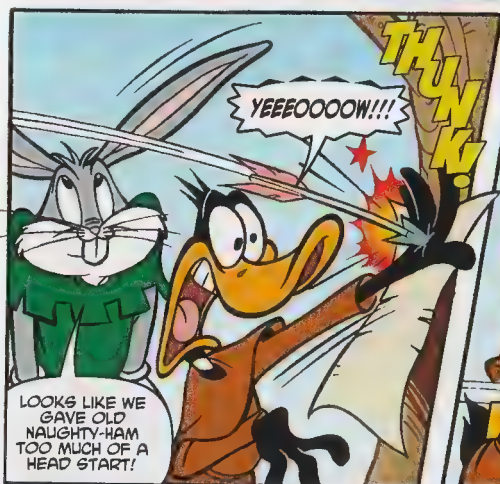
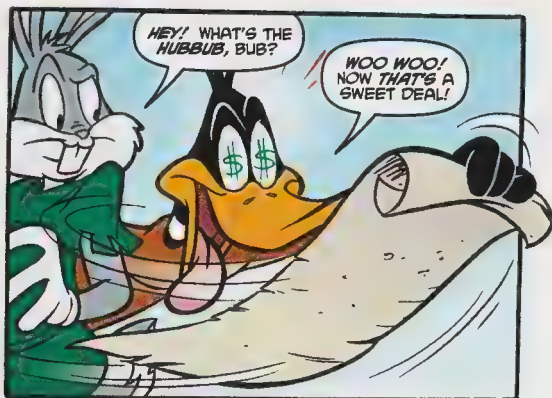
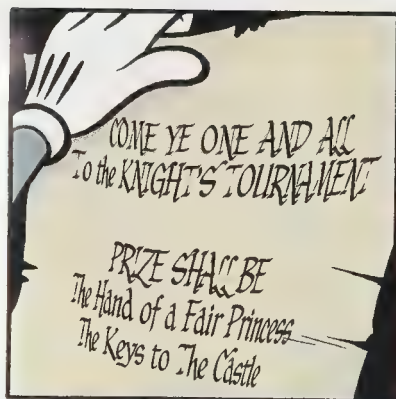
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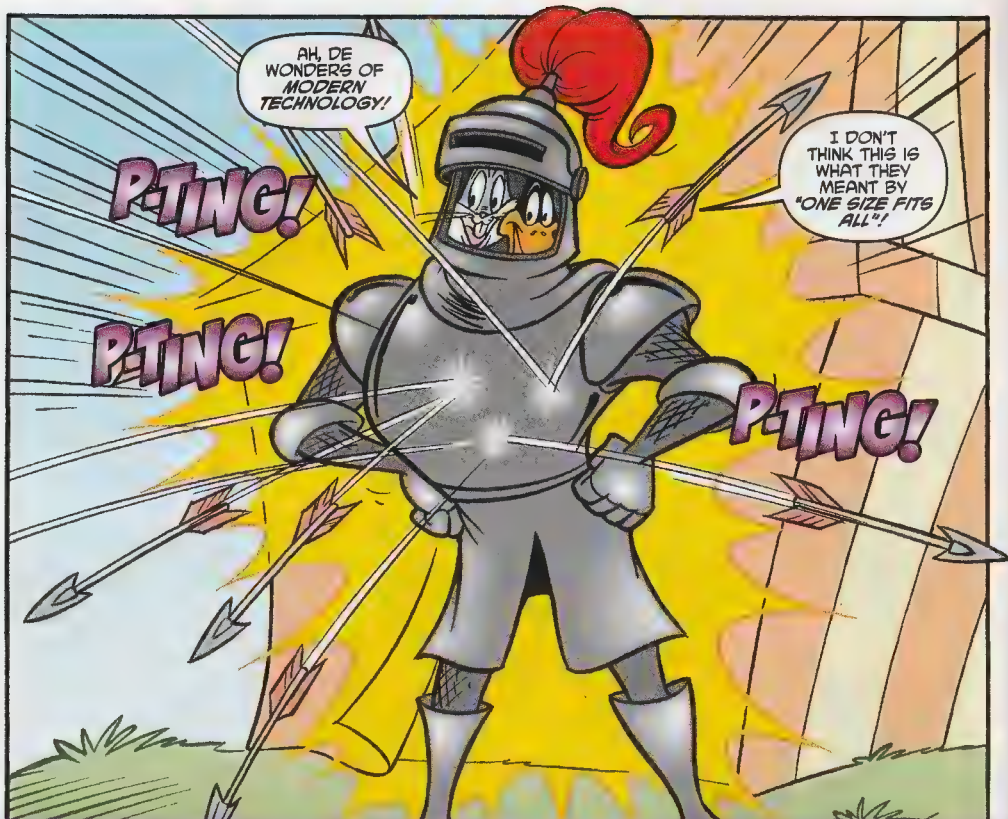
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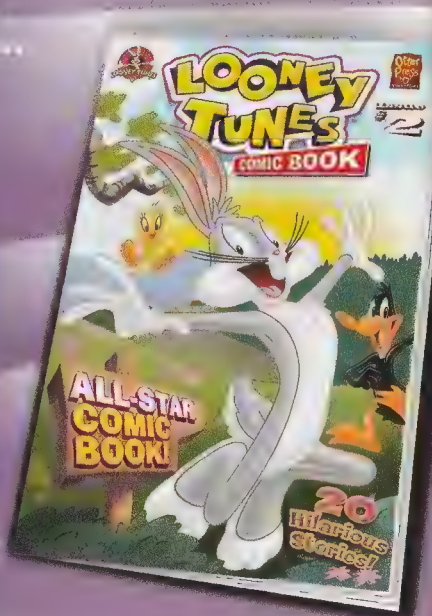


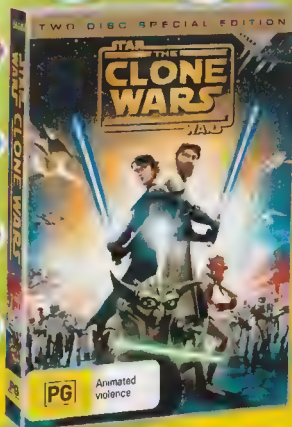
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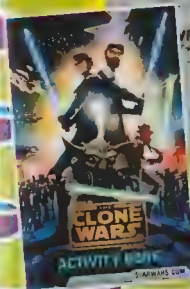
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Star Wars: The Clone Wars

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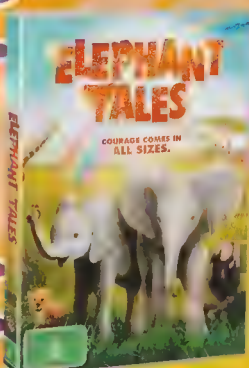
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D GOODIES...D GOODIES...D GO

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Kick off your shoes, grab a cool drink, find a quiet place to sit (behind the sofa, mum will never look there), and settle down for a great read. We have TEN all-action adventure book packs to give away. Each

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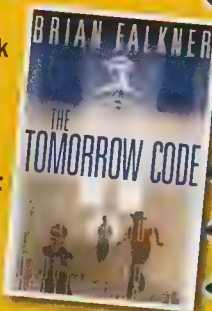
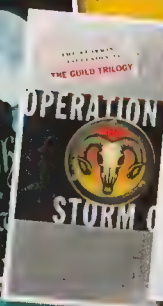
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Operation Storm

City by Joshua Mowll, *The Shadow of*

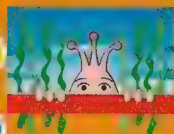
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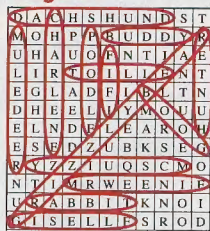
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PUZZLE ANSWERS

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8	2	6	4
6	4	8	2
2	8	4	6
4	6	2	8

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Madagascar
Token

DM#82
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Games
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JOKES

Boy: Miss, can I go to the toilet?

Teacher: Not until you say your ABCs.

Boy: Abcdefghijklmnoqrs
tuvwxyz.

Teacher: Where's the p?

Boy: Running down my legs ...

What's the definition of a volcano?

A mountain with the hiccups.

What do you get when you cross a cat with an echidna?

An animal that goes "Meouch" whenever it licks itself.

Why was the cat sitting on top of the computer?

He was keeping an eye on the mouse.

What do you call a smelly fairy?

Stinkerbell.

Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Witches.

Witches who?

Witches the way home?
I'm lost!

What's invisible and smells like carrots?

Rabbit farts.

What do you call a wood pecker with no beak?

A head banger.

What dog never barks?

A hot dog.

What works in a circus, walks a tightrope and has claws?

An acrocat.

What did you learn in school today?

Nothing, I have to go back tomorrow!

How do you know you're talking to an undertaker?

By his grave manner.

What do witches ring for in a hotel?

Broom service.

What is a horse's favourite sport?

Stable tennis.

Name three famous Poles.

North, South and tad.

What do frozen cows do?

Make ice cream.

What do you call a rhinoceros that swings through trees in the jungle?

A vineoceros.

Why is milk a fast food?

Because it's pasteurised before you see it!

CLIMBON' TIME

Climb down this word ladder. You can only change one letter at a time. The first has been done for you.

TURN WIND INTO HAIL

Hint: Crazy, unkempt

Opposite of won't

You can hang a painting on this

A loud, high pitched cry

Wind

Wild

Hail

SERIOUSLY SUDOKU

To play sudoku, make sure there is only one of each of the four numbers in every row, column or mini-square.

		6	
6	4		2
2		4	
			8



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